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Standard Bearer's

The 11th Cleftlands Standard Bearer's Tournament event was held on an idyllic spring day at Camp Cheerful.

The festivities started with the rapier tournament at 10am. Despite martial-in-charge Snowden's repeated assertions that the tournament WOULD start on time, one fencer ended up having to run home to get his equipment. The others gracefully conceded to start late for this fellow, and the tournament DID conclude on time. Garvin the Slow was, in the words of Sir Ephraim, "Quick enough," and won the day against fierce competition. Crispin and Stephan von Lubeck in particular showed great prowess as they battled for second and third place, respectively.

Building on his stellar fencing performance, Crispin dominated the field to claim the standard. In addition to the traditional tournament, there was a successful authorization, and plenty of pick-up fights and training. The weather was perfect for fighting.

The archery competition was by far the most well attended. A full royal round was shot, and then an advancing man and other novelty shoots. Garvin the Slow again finished in first place, but given his great performance on the rapier list, Ephraim and Madelaine approached him with concern that, well, it would be a great deal of hardship to be Champion d'Arc, d'Epee, AND d'Arms. Therefore Garvin chose to forgo the archery title, which went to second-place archer and last year's Champion d'Arms, Stephan von Lubeck, whom this reporter witnessed making a fabulous bullseye on the 40 yard target.

Throughout the day, her ladyship Angharad led a Solar with arts and sciences classes all day, including wood carving with Emrys and Cassia, paint making with Aiden, and more. The scribes were especially in force.

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Dear Choppy

By Cornelius the Sage

**I will be making a journey to
a far away land in the future.**

**What are some things I should
take to be prepared when my
friends need to borrow them?**

-Ill-prepared in Ilfracombe

I have found some of the things often needed at events and especially Pennsic are not very troublesome to pack. Tools for repairs and medical supplies are the best examples.

I recommend a toolbox with commonly needed hand tools and accessories. This doesn't have to be large and heavy in order to be useful. Some of the things that can fit in a small toolbox include:

Electrical tape (tough and stickier than most, yet not as cumbersome as a roll of duct tape); an emergency sewing kit featuring a spool of black thread, needles, and some small fabric patches; a leatherwork repair kit that includes waxed linen thread, heavy duty needles, a stitching chisel, fid, awl, hole punch, and a good variety of leather scraps; some small buckles for repairing armor (buckles and straps fail incredibly often); spare padding (also a common thing you suddenly find you'll need in armor); pointed tweezers for removing splinters; pliers; screwdrivers (properly shopped for, some have removable bits and carry a selection of sizes in their handles); fingernail cutters (great for more than

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Baronial Cont.

Being on the weekend of Easter with no other events opposite, we had an unusually large turn-out for our local event. There were a great number of people from Gwyntarian and our other neighbors.

After the tournaments, a baronial court was held. In addition to the presentation of the new champions, it was announced officially that the Order of the Winged Trine, our baronial award given for 'achieving the impossible', has been closed, at the request of Their Graces.

Also, Their Excellencies Madelaine and Ephraim called forth a number of individuals they wished to recognize, and did not feel the magnitude of their service could wait until a new baronial award was created. And so, Edward Brackenburye and Guenhwyvar were called forward for their efforts in organizing beginning scribal classes and swelling the ranks of Cleftland's Scribes. Then they called forth Lady Alexandra la Nior to recognize her work founding the glassworker's guild.

Also recognized, later at meeting for he had left the event site, was Timothy Woodhill, recognized for his tireless service both to the Armorer's Guild and the barony at large. Hoobah!

Ealdred served up a typical tour-de-force, based on Polish sources, let us just say that we've never seen pig tails served with such pinache.

Distillations of Ether

By Milesent Vibert

The past month has been an excellent one for our Baronial webpage. The new asp (Active Server Pages) driven design, created mostly by Brian Crick's effort, was completed and unveiled to the populace. The new site is a bit less friendly to older web browser programs, but much easier to navigate and update.

The number one reason for moving to the database-driven format is that it allows the web ministry to easily keep an updated version of our Baronial directory. Simple to update using the web format, the directory can be printed at any time, hopefully making all the headaches of starting a new directory from scratch every few years a thing of the past. All contact information, personal addresses, mundane names and phone numbers, etc. are only visible from at the Cleftlands server itself or Brian's office computer, locked by the internet addresses of those particular machines. If you would like your email address, phone number or other information posted on the web site, please let Milesent know. All baronial officers have their email addresses and phone numbers posted on the site, and have had that information posted since the first Cleftlands site went on line. If you are an officer, and

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CWRU Springfest successful –

The CWRU Medieval Society's annual Springfest demo went well, there was playing with henna, boffer fighting and medieval board games. The fledgeling group is doing well, though help is always needed.

Order of the Winged Trine Closed-

At Baronial Court at Standard Bearer's Their Excellencies Ephraim and Madelaine announced that the Order of the Winged Trine is officially closed. There will be no more new members. The Baron and Baroness are planning on instituting a new baronial award to take its place, please see them if you have any questions, comments or suggestions. The new baronial award will not copy awards on the kingdom level.

Cleftlands helps archery at Emerald Beast –

The Belly of the Emerald Beast III event in Three Towers almost did not have archery as their archery marshal had a last minute scheduling conflict. Cleftlands to the rescue! In keeping with our Barony's fine history of service to its neighbors, Cleftlands archery marshals Elayne Von Konningsburg and Edward Brackenburye, and marshal in training Karl Von Konningsburg made the two hour drive down to Tiffin, OH to spend a few hours minding the range on the bright sunny, if a little bit chilly, day. The autocrat expressed much gratitude.

Dance Mistress Needed –

Milesent Vibert is resigning as Dance Guild mistress. You don't need to know how to call a single dance to be the guild leader, she didn't when she took on the job! The Dance Guild mistress must schedule and run guild meetings, and see to it that there is a caller and music for dancing at baronial meetings, demos and events. Basically the Guild leader is the social secretary for the guild. Current candidates for the job include Guild Librarian Katherine verch Rhys. The Guild Librarian keeps track of the guild equipment, the boom box, instruction book and music library. If you have an opinion about the new guild master or mistress, please see Milesent, Katherine or Hawise.

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hangnails and broken nails); scissors (I recommend a heavy duty pair and a dainty pair for less brute solutions - make sure they are sharp); pencils and markers; string and cord; barge cement (which can be used to fix a lot of things that will break or leak while away from home); an assortment of spare nuts, bolts, washers, screws, and nails; rivets and rivet setting tools; and of course a utility knife with spare blades.

You may balk at how long that list is, but all of it fits easily into a box that is twelve inches by six by six.

For medical supplies, you don't have to be a Chirurgeon to be at least a little prepared. Be sure to bring:

Lots of band-aids of various sizes and shapes, gauze, and medical tape; Q-tips; a brand of medical ointment like Polysporin; over-the-counter pain killers, if possible, like Advil or Aleve; mole skin patches if you are subject to blisters; a first aid cleaning spray (many also work for sun burn relief); and perhaps an eye washing solution like Collyrium. If you can spare another pair of scissors in this kit it is recommended. This simple kit will be good for general ailments and small cuts, things that you may not think are worth a trip to the Chirurgeon for but should be tended regardless.

Be sure to clearly label the medical kit as such, so others in need can find it fast, but it may be best to avoid labeling it in a fashion that could mislead someone when they need a much more robust kit when quickly responding to a serious injury. (I make a small cross with strips of white medical tape on the lid.)

Hopefully if you carry these two simple sets of supplies, you'll find yourself more prepared for unexpected needs. Of course there will always be those who prefer to make new friends by borrowing from others!

If you have a question for Choppy to answer in the Forum please feel free to e-mail it to davidk1302@aol.com.

Ether Cont.

wish to suppress or amend what the public sees, again, see Milesent.

No web page is ever truly completed and the web ministry has many plans for continued improvement. Currently in the works are more Ether Cont.

graphics of awards, household badges and coats of arms, transporting the over 100 pages of minutes from baronial meetings into the new database, and a search engine for the picture archive. The new site has an individual page for every guild, household and member of the populace. If you have additions to your page, or if your guild or household was overlooked please let the web mistress know.

Calendar

Local Happenings:

May 20th - Needleworkers
Guild Meeting at Lyonnete's

May 19th - Dance Guild
Meeting at Euclid Public Library

May 13th - Archery Guild
Meeting at ?

May 13th - Scribal
Symposium Meeting at Master
Aiden's

Meetings:

Archery practice meets every
Sunday at Lucus Archery

Armorer's guild meets
Thursday nights at Ealdred and
Clairiel's home

Dance Guild meets the third or second Monday
of each month at the Euclid Public Library

Cook's Guild meets the Sunday before Dessert
Revel at Ealdred and Clairiel's home

An unofficial drum circle and middle eastern
dance practice meets on Thursday nights at The Gallery
Coffee Shop on east 185th street. There is also a
Middle Eastern Dance Exchange at the Coffee Shop on
Monday Nights.

Not everyone responded favorably to the new, cleaner
more 'commercial' look, missing the illuminated
appearance of the old site. If you have an
opinion about the site's graphics please see Brian
or Milesent. The former site is still available on a
secondary port on the Cleftlands web server. [http://
cleftlands.cwru.edu:8883/index.html](http://cleftlands.cwru.edu:8883/index.html)

For those curious about the colorful, if short, history
of the baronial webpage, there is a webpage about it in
the Baronial History section. [http://cleftlands.cwru.edu/
archive/about.asp](http://cleftlands.cwru.edu/archive/about.asp)

Selected Events:

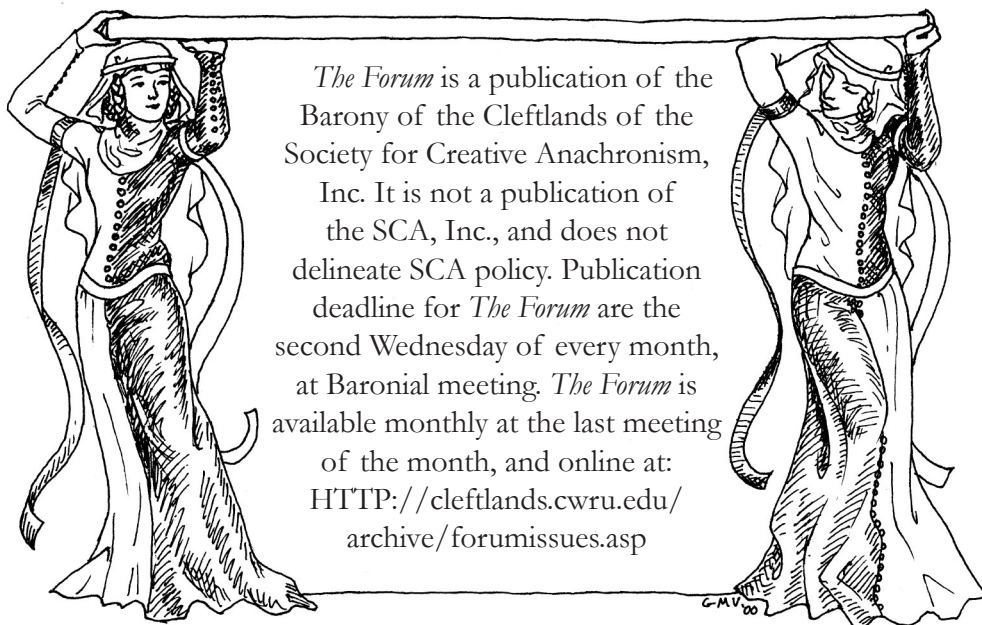
May 10th Coronation in Rivenstar(Lafayette, IN)

May 16th- 18th Baron Wars in March of the
Marches (Perrysburg OH)

May 24th Kingdom A&S Faire in Fenix
(Cincinnati, OH)

May 25th - Crown Tournament in Fenix
(Cincinnati, OH)

May 30th -June 1st Mugmort Stables in
Mugmort, oddly enough (Lancaster, OH)



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