



A Cleftlands (Middle Kingdom) Newsletter - 7/12/2020

News of the Realm

Kingdom News

Regarding the Rulers and Heirs of the Middle Kingdom: Master Cerridwen, Kingdom Seneschal, recently made an announcement regarding the Heirs to the Crown of the Middle Kingdom. After consulting with Curia and Peers of the Realm, Their Majesties will continue to Reign until March, 2021. It is hoped that Fall Crown Tournament will be able to take as in October of 2020, in some form. The winners of the tournament would become the Heirs to the Throne and assume the Dragon Throne in March and reign until the usual transition of Fall Coronation in 2021. The situation continues to change, so please be patient and look for updates. You can read the full message here: <https://midrealm.org/2020/07/07/from-kingdom-seneschal-covid-19-update-heirs-and-continuity-of-the-crown/>

A Royal Court was held on July 11. View the recording here: <https://youtu.be/kvJg8Z1VL1c>

Updates to the above statement were made during court. Their Majesties plan to reign until March 1, 2021. The Crown Tournament to (hopefully) be held this fall will be by invitation only, and not open to the populace. It is planned to be livestreamed.

Group meeting sizes within the Middle Kingdom are still under the limits previously stated. Marshalled activities, including ranged and equestrian, are still closed. Gatherings must be 10 and under and must follow the guidelines that have been previously shared.

Welcome Baroness Chandara Gamal as Primary Deputy to the Clerk of Precedence.

Baronial News

- A Baronial virtual meeting is planned for Wednesday, July 15. It will be prerecorded and posted to Facebook at 8pm Wednesday July 15.
- Reminder! Their Excellencies are looking for people to create or share virtual classes in areas such as: women in history; women in European history; diversity of cultures that traveled to Europe; people of color in history; people of color in European history; South American/African/Asian/Native American cultures pre-17th century; LGBTQIA people in history; LGBTQIA people in European history; people with disabilities in history; people with disabilities in European history; or additional topics on diversity. Please contact them with your ideas.
- **Pennsic memories wanted!** We need your help for a special "Cleftlands at Pennsic" special issue of the newsletter! Please send your favorite photos and memories - also looking for short write-ups around organizing or competing in Pennsic events (such as what it's like to lead the army, organize or participate in the A&S display, etc.). Help soothe our homesickness! And perhaps encourage others to step up in the future!

SCA News -

- A new Society Social Media Committee will be formed, see details: <https://www.sca.org/news/new-social-media-committee/>
- Call for the next Quest article on "hints for makers and users of ranged weapons" - see details here: <https://www.sca.org/news/contribute-to-our-next-quest-article-now-deadline-aug-7-2020/>
- A new Laurel Sovereign of Arms has been selected in Baroness Emma de Fetherstan, OP: <https://www.sca.org/news/people-on-the-move-laurel-sovereign-of-arms/>
- Agenda for the July 11 Board of Directors' Meeting: <https://www.sca.org/news/agenda-for-july-11-2020-bod-meeting-now-available/>

#RapierLife

By Lady Ragna stórráða Úlfisdóttir

It's time to knock the rust off, literally, and get your kit in fighting order. You never know when your King may call you into battle, and to do so ill-equipped? For shame!

Take out those delightful, wicked blades and draw them across cloth. Do you feel the sticky, prickly teeth of burrs, or perhaps sight some discoloration along its length? We can't have that! Draw forth your steel wool! Brandish that rust eraser! Go to battle against the malaise of disuse and polish away until your blades once more hunger for flesh! Oh... maybe not quite that far.

While you're at it, let your tip once more breathe freely. Loosen those bonds and freshen up then cap it once more for safety. Before you lay it to bed once more, make sure to apply an appropriate offering of oil or other such lubricant so that it doesn't take your blood on its next draw.

With your most fearsome companions cared for, take time to check over the other tools of your trade. Equipment suffers under the lumps and bumps of assault just as flesh does. It's no good carrying a lofty hard parry device bursting with splinters, now is it? Cater to your malignant friends. Repaint that shield! Sand down those splinters! Check over your chain! And by all that is holy, check your trousers for holes.

Virtual Classes for the Week of July 13 through July 19 -

- Monday July 13 8pm EST - Fantastic Feasts and How to Build Them: <https://zoom.us/j/91486328317?pwd=OXdLeTNpdEg4OG1WU1ZSVFhqWEFQdz09>
- Tuesday July 14 7p EST - How to Be an MoAS: <https://zoom.us/j/96225779235?pwd=VGZvdIM5cFlzUm1aelNqNC94S2tBUT09>
- Wednesday July 15 7pm EST - Kitchen Sanitation for Feast Stewards - <https://zoom.us/j/91946170747?pwd=RW1LcnpSQXZwbE5NOEVsSTlwWlc4QT09>
- Friday July 19 9pm EST - Waivers, Waivers, Waivers Everywhere - <https://zoom.us/j/96225779235?pwd=VGZvdIM5cFlzUm1aelNqNC94S2tBUT09>
- Friday July 17 7:30pm - (Not RUM) Half the Heroes: Impact of Sex & Gender on SCAdian Martial Arts - <https://meet.google.com/frb-kgtu-cng>

Non SCA Classes:

Friday July 17 2pm From the University of Leeds A most beautiful and magnificent joust: <https://www.facebook.com/events/252873865777110/>

From the Minister of Arts & Sciences -

- **The challenge for July will be starting your Pennsic 49 project.** This is the month we always start a project for Pennsic at the last minute, and in honor of that tradition, we ask you to share your projects with us. You don't have to finish them, after all, you've got another year to **procrastinate!**
- Info for virtual guild meetings can be found as events on the Baronial FB page or on the Baronial website's calendar.
- Don't forget, the RUM classes are ongoing, and this month will focus on training for officers, event running, feast running, and other organizational tips and insight. <https://www.facebook.com/royaluniversityofthemid-realm/>
- RUM Classes wanted! August RUM classes will once again be open to any topic, while September will be focusing on martial activities. Sign up to teach! <http://rum.midrealm.org/instructors-students/offer-to-teach>
- An Tir invites all to join their Online Grand Ithra September 4-7 - credits may transfer to RUM. See details and class information so far: <https://sites.google.com/view/grandithra/home?authuser=0>



For the Combat & Ranged Arts

Armored: Duke Eik's Video Channel has lots to learn:

Positional Footwork #4: Intermediate Pivots:

<https://youtu.be/SOUTbDposkA>

Positional Footwork #5 & #6: Passing Steps

<https://youtu.be/ymdbBlmcQVk>

IAIDO Soft Step "Toe-Heel" Gliding Steps

<https://youtu.be/DCp9ljkvais>

Longsword #1 High Feint:

https://youtu.be/91q4_9_eqQY

Longsword #2 Pommel Feint:

<https://youtu.be/5cJzs-MZKEI>

Longsword #3 Controlling Your Opponent:

<https://youtu.be/W0v7c1kGQ0w>

Longsword #4 Modified Half Swording

<https://youtu.be/fKzEwevStwk>

Call for Content

We want to make sure there's a central place to get information and see posts that might get buried, or resources that might not be shared.

If you have info to share - an upcoming virtual gathering, activity ideas, or a great website, please contact me: clariciadlm@gmail.com.

Thank you and stay well!

5 Questions for Cleftlanders - Meet the Officers: Lord Rojhon the Wanderer, Minister of Youth (mka Rowan Pappenhagen) (he/him)

1.) How long ago did you get involved in the SCA?

I have been a part of the SCA for six years. I have been more active over the last two years as free time has become more available.

2.) Apart from your office, what are your 2 main SCA activities?

My two SCA activities are cooking and youth activities.

3.) What's something in the SCA you'd like to try, but haven't yet?

I would like to try combat archery.

4.) What makes Cleftlands special?

The Cleftlands is dear to my heart because it is a space that is open to all. Every week we see fighters, artisans, classes, and families.

5.) What foods do you hate?

Meat jellies and pottage are my two least favorite offerings at feasts.

Random Period Object - Cleveland Museum of Art



Virgin and Child - Meuse valley (Belgium, Netherlands, and Germany), late 1200s

Wood with paint and gilding in Mosan style.

This sculpture is rare for wooden art from period because much of its original paint and gilding still remains. The Virgin's mantle features decorative bands of geometric patterns and the dragon she stands on is still green. Originally the piece would have been set with gems and glass cabochons, visible from the empty settings around her neck and drape. This type of opulence was typical of the Mosan style.

This Week in History

July 12 1543 - King Henry VIII marries his sixth and final wife, Catherine Parr.

July 13 100 BC - Julius Caesar of Rome is born.

July 14 1420 - Czech Hussite forces find a decisive victory against the Crusade army led by Holy Roman Emperor Sigismund in the Hussite Wars.

July 15 756 - Emperor Xuanzong of Tang is ordered by his own Imperial Guards to force chancellor Yang Guozhong to commit suicide during the An Lushan Rebellion.

July 16 622 - Marks the beginning of the Islamic calendar.

July 17 1453 - The final battle of the Hundred Years' War sees French forces defeat the English at the Battle of Castillon.

July 18 452 - Attila "the Hun" sacks Aquileia, launching his invasion of Italy.

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Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, July 14 7pm EST - Virtual Needle Workers' Guild - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88261643621?pwd=UGx1TTdPcVdNNWtHZFhDZkxYR0d5Zz09>
- Wednesday, July 15 - Virtual Baronial Meeting. Please see Facebook for details as they are available.
- Thursday, July 16 8pm EST - Virtual Armorers' Guild Meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84704344487?pwd=UGJrZUxqNW5JQ05jeHBtYWdLQUl4QT09>

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