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Barony Prepares for Changes and the Tide of War

by Milesent Vibert

The warm breezes of July fade before the coming hot winds of war in the east. At every quarter our citizenry scramble to prepare. The needleworkers hold emergency sessions about the sewing tables, the cooks ready their campfires and our warriors shine their steel to meet the eastern Tyger and show them the mettle of the Midrealm. None of this is new, we have each year pushed to prepare, each year we planned carefully (or not so carefully) reveled in the stories of years gone past and the lessons learned.

This year is no different, and it is different. This year the War King and Queen are from our area. This year we have no Baron to lead the charge. This year we have three demos and a baronial investiture riding hard on the heels of war. Pressures that could break a lesser group, but we are the Cleftlands, and we have always risen to a challenge. It will rain, it will snow, it will hail and the sun will burn the life out of every blade of grass. There will be acts of heroism and humorous

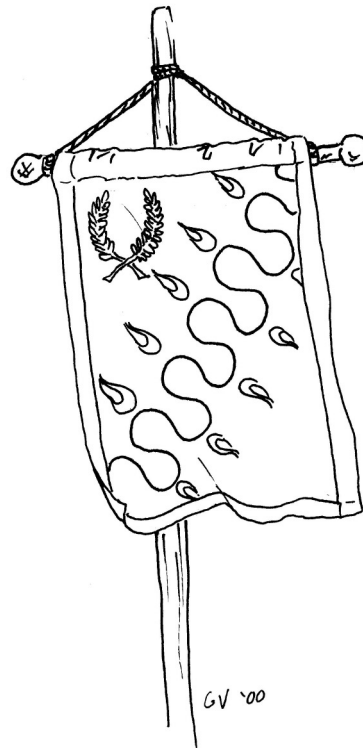
acts that will become the stuff of legends for next year. The tunic won't be finished, someone forgot the coffee press and a thousand minor disasters will occur as they always do. And we shall endure. Our fighters will prove again why the name Cleftlands is known upon the field. Our archers will bend their bows regardless of practice or training to maybe make that one more point for our side. Our fencers will man their artillery and let steel blades sing to the August skies. A smaller, quiet army will pit their skills in the Arts and Sciences classes and competitions. Our dancers will outlast the most steadfast of musicians and the

embers of each campfire will have a tale to tell. And that's just the first day.

The Cleftlands has always left a mark on the war. Clairiel's banners will hang over the great court as they have for many years.

Angharad, Seadna and Aldermouries will keep Her Majesty well attended. Fitzranulf, Timothy and Pietro will man the cannon. Celeste, Antarcus and their goat brethren will be in the data trailer. Blacksilver will have a presence at security point. Aiden, Ealdred and many others will teach classes. Our water bearers will keep the fighters in one piece. Guenhwyfar, myfanwy and the scribes have already begun, and some have even finished their scrolls. Others probably will be

finishing scrolls around the campfire (I'm starting mine tomorrow, honest!). It is a long history of service, and a proud one.



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In all too short of a time the winds of war will slacken. Tents will be packed into cars that somehow have less trunk space after one week

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Exchequer's Report - War Maneuvers Profitable

Here follows the report on income and expenditures from Northern Oaken War Maneuvers VI, held on June 7 and 8 of this year.

500 gentles attended, with 183 paying for feast.

Income:

Adult Site Fees: \$1588

Child Site Fees: \$66

Feast Fees: \$1006

Adult Camping Fees: \$2209

Child Camping Fees: \$160

Total Income: \$5029

Expenses:

Sanitation Fee: \$320

Food: \$1012.38

General Supplies: \$500.62

Occupancy & Site Charges \$1000

Torches: \$67.10

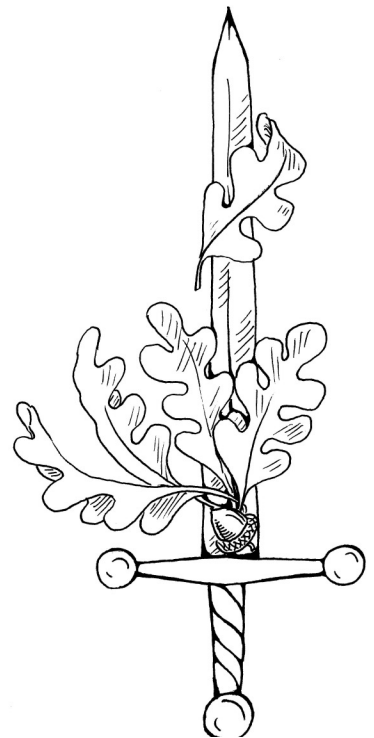
Site Tokens \$142.02

Funds Transferred to Falcon's Quarry: \$150

Pale Ad: \$60

Total Expenses: \$3252.12

Net Profit: \$1776.88



War Cont.

parked in a field. That lost roll of duct tape will be found after the armor's been packed away. Weary, sunburnt, bruised and happy our populace will return to the Cleftland's proud borders. Take a breath, release a sigh, and take up their implements again for the task ahead.

The first weekend after Pennsic we have a demo for the CWRU Medieval Society, a small demo, only a few hours. But after two weeks just finding a clean piece of garb can be a chore. That next Wednesday is a dessert revel, and the last meeting before Baycrafters, our largest annual demonstration. The weekend after that is another CWRU demo and then it is only a few short weeks to prepare for our Baronial Investiture.

Baronial Investiture. A strange paring of words in a barony that has only ever known one Baron. Eyes look forward to the end of September with feelings of trepidation and hope. For many of us this will be the last time we see Valharic and Alys as King and Queen this reign. A Royal court of great personal importance to this Barony will see Sir Ephraim and Lady Madelaine ascend. The end of an era, perhaps the beginning of a new one. It will be different, for better or for worse will be the telling of a different Chronicler, but the Cleftlands shall endure, as we always have.

Chronicler's Corner

It's been almost three years and, well, I'm tired. Mathew de Beaumont has been helping out, and I'd like to solicit opinions from the populace as having him take over as Chronicler, with the assistance of Klaus.

Milesent and I will be stepping down as Chroniclers at the end of this year- our last Forum will be December's.

Thanks to everyone who has helped us with tidbits about the baronial history: Calum, Laurelen, Emrys, Emelyne, Katerin ... it has always been our hope to put together a new chronicle of the Cleftlands, and that will be done before we step down.

Check out all the work Milesent has been doing on the website! Edward Brackenburye's A&S reports are now up, with a report for the populace to fill out in pdf format, and there will be a pursuivants page coming soon.

An apology to all for the overdue state of the literary review: looks like it will be out after Pennsic. A great deal of good work was submitted, but the chroniclers have not had two brain cells and said work together in the same room in some time.

After Pennsic, everything will be better.

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Felonious Monk

by de Beaumont



Calendar

Local Happenings:

July 31st - Oscar de Beaumont turns 1!
August 10th - Edward Brackenbury's Birthday
August 11th - Grand Unveiling of the Icon of Saint Clairiel at Nosse Eldesar Camp
August 24th - Demo for CWRU Activities Faire
August 28th - Dessert Revel
August 31- September 2nd - Baycrafters Demo
September 7th - CWRU Tourney Demo

Meetings:

Archery practice meets every Sunday at Lucus Archery, and Mondays at Albion Woods no archery practice during Pennsic
Armorer's guild meets Thursday nights at Ealdred and Clairiel's home No Armorer's guild during Pennsic
Dance Guild meets monthly at the Euclid Public Library No Dance Guild meeting in August.
An unofficial drum circle and middle eastern dance practice happens on Thursday nights at The Gallery Coffee Shop on east 185th street.

Selected Events:

August 6 - 21 The 31st Pennsic War
September 25th - Cleftlands Baronial Investiture

