



The Forum

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A Missive from Their Highnesses

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank the local populace for all their support. We look forward to working with everyone in the Barony at Our coronation, where We can showcase the glory, beauty and skill of the Cleftlands.

We especially want to recognize the efforts of Sir Conrad Schwartzwolf, who put together a tournament at dessert revel this month. This contest introduced our newer fighters to the pageantry and pressure of fighting in a tournament, fostering the skills of those who will no doubt be following in Our footsteps some day!

Thank you also to Their Excellencies, Edward and Milesent, for hosting the tournament and creating a fun evening for all.

~Prince EikBrandr and Princess Runa

Upcoming events

February 2009

28 Melee of Chivalry - MOC {Val d' Azure} [Lexington, KY]

March 2009

7 Ceilidh XXI {St. Joan} [Dayton, OH]

Winter Dance and Game Revel {Eastwatch} [Fairport Harbor, OH]

14 Oaken Regional Cook's Symposium III {Three Towers} [Mansfield, OH]

15-22 Gulf Wars XVIII {Gleann Abhann} [Lumberton, MS]

28 Northern Oaken A&S Faire {Alderford} [Canton, OH]

Serjeant School (Invitation only) {Midrealm Army} [Fort Wayne, IN]

April 2009

4 Grand Tournament of the Unicorn {Unicorn} [Oxford, OH]

Qaina {Brendoken} [Akron, OH]



By Huskaldr

mindless empty manner
meant for fullest dancing
'twined a truest heart with
towards the ever onward
days of deaden'd fraying
duly rescued truly
muse of mine a-waiting
meet not, torment fading

guardstand of soul's substance
steadfast vigil headlong
battle-weary, bearing
beasts of long-past feasting
slain, a sudden maiming
staid, the deathsong's aid now
hand, not heavy, banding
meet now, torment fading

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Party Like It's 999



In May, we will play host to gentles from all across the Midrealm so that all may witness the crowning of EikBrandr and Runa as King and Queen of the Middle Kingdom. Following a day marked by chivalry and prowess, the Barony of the Cleftlands will have the opportunity to engage all in an evening of feasting and revelry. The evening's Coronation Ball will provide the perfect setting for our Barony to make known to our guests the boundless pageantry, grace, courtesy, and noblesse that characterize the Cleftlands.

You can help make the Coronation Ball of EikBrandr and Runa a most memorable celebration.

Many of the dances on the Coronation Ball set lists have been specifically requested by Their Highnesses, and the Dance Guild challenges each member of the populace to learn five new dances from the set lists prior to the event so that all may be prepared to join in the revelry. Instruction for all dances and all skill levels will be available at Wednesday meetings. Contact Sibylla for Ginevra for more information.

Sibylla of Amasya
Dance Guild Mistress

Llywelyn the Troll



Upon a Wintry Cleftland morn
Llywelyn the Troll was sworn
To watch over the registrations
And appease the countless frustrations
Of every entrant born
Like a swift falcon he flew
Betwixt the bridges because he knew
A Cleftlands Troll must hold the gates
For it's in his blood, nay it is his Fate
To maintain the honor of nebuly blue

With fading sun the Troll subsided
He tallied the coin and abided
Under his bridge and found some rest
Before rising again to leave his nest
And watch over the gates he so prided

~Abel Frölicher~

From The Exchequer-projected expenses

~Ceinwen ferch Elidure O'Denbeigh

Rent:

200.00/m		Meeting Deposit	
o	2400	(ave):	2028
		Balance:	-372

*(please pay your meeting dues - it really is like a slow leak and will deplete the coffers)

Operating Expenses: (based on 2008 expenses)

Guilds:	237
Officers:	489.04
Maintenance:	100
Publications:	180

Events:

Regular Event:*

Fees:	3635.63 (total with feast and lunch)	Returns:	5557.82
		Fees:	-3635.63
		NMS:	-219
		Balance:	1703.19

*(not included in anticipated expenses as event accounting is closed)

Standard Bearers: No Bid Submitted

Coronation: (half of all revenues go back to Kingdom)

Fees:	4700
Feast:*	1800 (projected)
Lunch:*	500 (projected - no budget submitted)
total:	7000

*(I ask that feast/lunch budgets be submitted ASAP so I can more accurately predict expenditures_

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NOWM:

Total: 4142.5

Bardic Roundhouse:

Fees:	205
Food:	195
Total:	400

Pennsic:

Fighter Lunch: 125

Total Projected Anticipated Expenses: 15,557.54 Account Balance: 17842.37
(subject to change as circumstances dictate)

(I would ask that new requests for funds be held off until accounting for NOWM is completed and the accounts have filled back up - please stay in your event budgets and call on volunteers to donate items when possible)

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Note from Zsof

Although I am not running for Chronicler, it is my honor to do the *Forum* for the Barony of the Cleftlands. Good luck to both candidates for the Chronicler's position, and a hearty thank you to Their Excellencies for giving me the opportunity to create this month's newsletter.

Thank you also to Huskaldr and the newly minted Lord Abel for submitting their wonderful poems for publication.

In Service,

THL Tyzes "Zsof" Sofia



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