

Northern Oaken Completes War Manuevers

Oft is it said in Cleftlands that at Pennsic, it will rain, it will snow, it will hail and storm... but at Northern Oaken, it'll just be hot. This hallowed tradition remained unbroken this year, despite the threat posed

by numerous showers the week before. All clouds and the unseasonably cold temperatures of days previous were burned away by

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the Ukrainian Youth Camp in Wellington, Ohio, where we held our War Maneuvers with the kind assistance of the Shire of Falcon's Quarry, marking the triumphant return of Crispin to the autocrat's seat.

The deluges had soaked the field, resulting in boggy conditions, but this did not stop the intrepid fighters of Oaken from assembling for battle. The champions team fought long and hard

while Sir Ephraim headed up a novice melee school. Then it was out with the straw bales for bridge battles upon bridge battles under the hot June sun.

Lady Snowden led a fierce melee list for our rapier combatants, gearing up to repeat last year's heroic performance at Pennsic, where the Midrealm dominated both the rapier champion's battle and the friendly woods rapier melee.

Archery, thrown weapons, and youth combat rounded out the day's warfare activities, all

carefully monitored by

Francesca's water bearers and Reagan's chirugeonate staff.

For those fleeing the heat and sun of the field, there were classes held in the delightful shade. Aurora de Vie taught her popular Thrifty Anachronist class,

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Cleftlands Scribes Guild – Order of the Grove

Ely – Dragon's Treasure Claire of Cleftlands – Award of Arms

Robert Karlson – Award of Arms

Klaus von Eisenstein – Award of Arms

D'lante DeVore – Award of Arms

Bastian Eychener – Award of the Purple Fret

Brangwayn Snowden – Award of the Purple Fret with Royal Augmentation of Arms

Dryw Sidhon – Award of the Purple Fret

Katerine du Val – Award of the Purple Fret

Olafr Grimolfsson – Award of the Purple Fret

James le Hauke – Award of the Purple Fret with right to bear arms

Vsevolod Bezkrovnyi – Award of the Purple Fret

Hely d'Isigny – Order of the Willow

Milesent Vibert – Order of the Willow

Robert de Cleftlands – Order of the Evergreen

myfanwy ferch Rhonwen – Order of the Evergreen

Chai was put on vigil for the Order of the Pelican

Thorfin Bearbrother entered into the Order of the Chivalry



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myfanwy and Milesent both taught illumination classes, and Katerin taught the basic T-tunic. Hareem Shareem and Baron Durr sponsored Middle Eastern classes in the Hafla tent, culminating in a henna tattooing party. Lord Nial and the brewer's guild again held their very refreshing brewer's roundtable, and there was much drinking of mead.

Giovanna Giovanelli did a stellar job coordinating merchants, arranging 26 different vendors for shoppers to peruse down a shady lane.

Court was held on the battlefield, rather than on the stage which has been used in the past at this event site. Many fine gentles received awards and recognition. (See sidebar.) The Scribe's Guild presented a gift of scroll blanks to Their Majesties, and Chai was put on vigil for the Order of the Pelican. Thorfin Bearbrother, who had been placed on vigil earlier that day, was entered into the order of the chivalry.

As the pomp and circumstance of court dissipated, lines formed for feast. Garvin the Slow headed up the feast kitchen, serving buffet-style to 183 gentles.

The day ended cool and comfortable, and the fires roared and the gentle tinkling of bells led revelers to the Hafla tent and the sonorous drumming of Middle Eastern hospitality.

Chronicler's Corner

The Chronicler's office is now a triumvirate, everyone please make welcome and harass Mathew de Beaumount for showing insufficient reluctance and becoming our deputy. Mathew helped out on the last issue of The Forum and provided considerable input for this one. Hopefully we won't scare him away. Also, Klaus von Eisenstien has volunteered to help with the baronial history, in particular the Baronial Order of Precedence that we have been working on for some time.

If you haven't been to the website lately, there's a more complete baronial chronicle posted now. Take a look and let Milesent know any corrections and additions to this ever growing document. http://cleftlands.cwru.edu/archive/chronicle.asp

The Literary Review has been delayed, but we have plenty of excellent content, though a little more black and white artwork would be nice! We're offering a prize. A really, really nifty prize, for artwork for the Review. The Review will be published at July Desert Revel, so get 'em in.

Fun Page!

Can you match the Arms to their owners? Answers on the back page

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Lord Nial

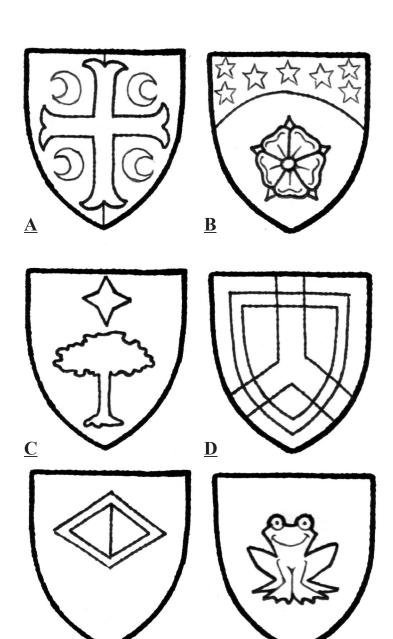
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Sir Karl

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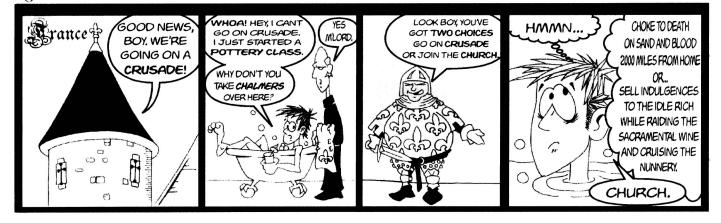
Robert de Cleftlands

Word Jumble 1. VIHALYRC _____ 2. SPARTINA ____ 3. RONACONIOT ____ 4. ERTIVU ____ answers on back!



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Calendar

Local Happenings:

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 28th - 30 Border Raids in the Barony of the Flame (Fort Knox, KY)

June 28th - 30 Oaken Melee School in Alderford (Roswell, OH)

July 5-7 Melee in the March in Tirnewydd (Delaware, OH)

July 5-7 Swine and Roses in White Waters (South Bend, IN)

July 13th - Brawl at the Crooked Dragon in Falcon's Quarry (Lagrange, OH)

August 6 - 21 The 31st Pennsic War

Fun Page Answers:

The devices belong to:

A: Syr Theoderic

B. THL Angharad

C. Robert de Cleftlands

D. Pietro Nicolo da San

Tebaldo

E. Lord Nial the Wanderer of Bork

F. Sir Karl Ulfson

The Word Jumbles Are:

- 1. Chivalry
- 2. Partisan
- 3. Coronation
- 4. Virtue

