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23	24	25 A & S Night	26 Baronial Social & Fighter Practice 7:30 pm	27	28	29 Baronial 12th Night (R) , Marinus Feast at the Court of Philip the Good, Lochmere
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R - Royal Progress
(K-King's Q-Queen's)
H - Highness' Progress
(P-Prince's Pr-Princess')

Upcoming Events For February:

- 5th : Winter University (R,P), Caer Gelynniog
- 13-15th : Tourney of Ymir (R,H), Windmasters Hill
- 12th : Bright Hills Baronial Birthday
- 19th : Ice Axe, Yarnvid
- 19th : Performer's Dance Symposium, Ponte Alto
- 25-27th : Winter War Assessment, Marinus
- 26th : Carnevale di Inverno, St. Georges

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From the Chronicler:

Greetings Dun Carraig,

This is the first month for the trial electronic version of the newsletter. As per Kingdom rules there will no longer be a subscription fee.

Paper copies available upon request to those unable to access the newsletter online. This will be announced at fighter practices and at the next business meeting.

Next month is Winter War Assessment in the southern area of the Kingdom. This is a very good event to prepare for Gulf Wars, with lots of fighting and fun.

Yours In service,
Cathal





Neighbors, Activities, and You!

Cathal MacLean

Recently I had the pleasure of traveling to Ponte Alto for their Rapier practice. I had an extremely good time and it set me to thinking. The questions I asked myself were “How many others would enjoy participating?” and “How many others even know what things are available?”.

As Their Excellencies have stated, we have several very active Baronies around us that provide opportunity for play. This goes beyond the events that are hosted one should note. For example some of the Heavy fighters go to Storvik’s practice, and I plan on attending both Ponte Alto’s and Lochmere’s Rapier practices on occasion.

There are more things out there than just fighting though. What you ask? Well to help answer that here are a few places to go on that mystical Net well all know of:

Barony of Ponte Alto

<http://pontalto.atlantia.sca.org>

Combat (Heavy, Rapier), A&S classes, Vocal Music, Scriptorium, Asian Nights, Harp & Drum Corp, Dance, Archery

Barony of Lochmere

<http://lochmere.atlantia.sca.org/>

Combat (Heavy, Rapier), Archery, Vocal Music, Archery, Laydes Fayre (inter-baronial women’s choral group), Workshops on various A&S

Barony of Storvik

<http://storvik.atlantia.sca.org/>

Combat (Heavy), Archery, Weaving, Sewing, Bardic, Scriptorium, Needlework, Brewing, Embroidery & Gaming,

When combined with our own activities there are enough things to keep one busy every night of the week and weekends too. While going every night isn’t practical, going once in a while is. Meeting the people from around us and learning new things from them is quite enjoyable, I assure you. Try it.

December Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

Dun Carraig Business Meeting 7 December 2004

Old Business

- ◆ • We did not win the Crown bid this time.
- ◆ • The upcoming "Meet and Beat" will include Rapier
- ◆ • In exchange for cooking a feast for South Potomac, we will be able to use the site for Birthday '05.
- ◆ • Muirghen has volunteered to cook
- ◆ • Expect 100 with a budget of \$7 to \$8/head (Muirghen will aim towards \$7/head) (the barony have to front the money to the cook and get reimbursed by the church)
- ◆ • We will serve in Garb
- ◆ • We need a list of volunteers to help in the kitchen with cooking and clean up as well as servers for the hall.
- ◆ • Baronial Birthday
- ◆ • We made a slight profit (approx \$200) due to donations of prizes, donations for the silent auction, and sales of Calendars (\$95)
- ◆ • We'd like to sell the rest of the Calendars at 12th Night at our table. We are requesting permission. If we receive it, Mathias will send an announcement to the Merry Rose.
- ◆ • We will attempt to be a little more organized at our next event. Suggestion that one person be responsible for packing up the gear as it is brought to them clean

New Business

- ◆ • Exchequer needs all receipts now so she can file her report.
- ◆ • Motion not to give an additional donation to the high school due to site fees doubling from the fee we were told was unanimously accepted. (1st Bobby, 2nd Lore). We probably will not use this site again.
- ◆ • Business Meetings
 - ◆ ◊ We will try rotating the business meetings between the Lusby center and the LaPlata Library. Jan meeting will be in LaPlata, Feb in Lusby, March in LaPlata, April in Lusby. At the April meeting we will vote on whether to retain the rotation.
 - ◆ ◊ LaPlata meetings will be on the 2nd Monday of the month, Lusby meetings will be on the first Tuesday of the month. (Vote taken.

1st Bohanza, 2nd Mathias)

- ◇ The Lusby center has requested a tally of folks when we use it
- Baron Tiggers has moved from the Barony.
- Scriptorium will be on Mondays during weeks when there isn't a meeting or an A&S night. Sew days will continue on Sundays when possible. See the calendar.

Officer Reports

- Knight Marshall
 - ◇ Theron will be unavailable for meetings or practices Jan – March due to a move to night shift. He will need one of the deputies to stand in for him during this time. Jonathas volunteered.
- Chronicler
 - ◇ Cathal is looking for deputy who is willing to eventually take over
 - ◇ If new chronicler doesn't own a current copy of Publisher, the Barony will need to purchase a copy as Cathal has been using his personal copy for the last 2 years.
 - ◇ The Barony will pay for the Jan newsletter for all who want it and the Kingdom officers. (Vote taken 1st Jonthas, 2nd Bobby) We will vote at the January Meeting on whether we want to move to an electronic version.
- Seneshall
 - ◇ Bohanza has agreed to serve as Ro's deputy and to eventually take over the position.
 - ◇ The report for Birthday and the fighter waivers have been sent in.
- B&B - nothing to report
- Chatelain - nothing to report
- Exchequer - Bobby volunteered to serve as deputy
- Herald - nothing to report
- MOL - report to be mailed in on 12/8/04
- MOM- Everything went well with children's activities at the event
- Archery Marshall - All reports are in
- Rapier Marshall - All reports are in

From the Mistress Of Arts & Sciences:

Unto the gentles of Dun Carraig does Mary Isabel of Heatherstone send greetings.

I hope the New Year finds you all filled with new ideas and inspiration. The past year has brought a wealth of growth in our arts as many in Dun Carraig have started exploring new interests (or sharpening older skills).

Lady Bozhana is continuing her research into Russian costuming; Lord Theron displayed his skill at making Byzantine shoes and is delving into shoes from different times & countries. Lady Helewyse is spearheading a campaign to inspire all of us to dress "more seeming and proper" and m'Lady Renee braved the masses to instruct many of us on the art of fingerloop braiding.

M'Lady Jeanette has jumped in with both feet, creating chainmaile items for display, providing many beautiful chains to enhance our calendars and volunteering to teach our January 25th A&S class. M'lady Serena has been a personal inspiration to me with her willingness and her enthusiasm. Lady Marcia shone brightly as we entered the Christmas season, putting her Psyanky Eggs on display at our Birthday and donating a set of eggs for each of the Atlantian landed Barons and Baronesses (to be given by our own B&B at 12th Night).

Even our most venerable (current and former) Baronesses have been keeping their hands in the Arts. Mistress Rose spearheaded the calendar project, Mistress Kiri sponsored a contest for Japanese garb at Twelfth Night and Baroness Amalia provided a glowing example of "putting your money where your mouth is": she has in the past year tried her hands at: fingerloop braiding, hair pieces, lacemaking, butter making, tablet weaving and her own scribal arts (along with that little thing called "being a Baroness". And don't even get me started on the cooks in the barony...

University is scheduled for the beginning of February. Although it's a little distance from downtown Dun Carraig (4 hours), it's a great opportunity to try your hand at different art forms without the start-up costs. Most classes are free or low-cost and the instructors are often the best in the whole Kingdom.

In March, I will be making the journey to the Kingdom A&S festival, where I will be attempting to uphold the honor of Dun Carraig by competing against some of the best and brightest artisans in the Kingdom. I am diligently working on my entry and hope I'll have company at the event. Even if you are not attending, please consider sending your entry with me. It would be a shame to not have your work seen outside of the Barony. Please send all of your good thoughts out for those of us attending and entering our displays.

A&S Nights are continuing every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm. If you are interesting in teaching a class, please feel free to contact me at: moas@duncarraig.net

Arts & Sciences Schedule:

The schedule for January/February/March:

January 11 Molly & Erwin's House Documentation Basics (Baroness Mary Isabel)

This class will provide step-by-step guidance on the process of documenting a project start to finish.

January 25 Molly & Erwin's House Beginning Chain Maille (m'Lady Jeanette)

Hands-on class covering the basic history of chain mail, tools and supplies and techniques to produce different weaves. There is no fee for the class, but the instructor is requesting that each student RSVP to allow for sufficient supplies. Students are also asked to bring two pairs of needle nose pliers per attendee (extras would be most appreciated).

February 8 Molly & Erwin's House Costume Round-Table (Baroness Mary Isabel)

Back by popular demand, we will once again be hosting an open,

Arts & Sciences Schedule (cont.):

round table discussion of costuming styles through the middle ages. Bring books and pictures if you have them (there will be plenty on hand). I will also be providing scratch paper and pencils for taking notes and making sketches.

February 22 No Class Scheduled

**March 8 Molly & Erwin's House Couching Metal Threads
(Baroness Mary Isabel)**

This class will provide the basic instruction on the couching of metal threads. Materials will be provided, but bring hoops and scissors if you have them. **Class has been re-scheduled from 12/14/04.**

**March 22 Jonathas & Amalia's House Basic Metal Casting
(Baron Jonathas)**

This class will cover the basic process involved in metal casting and will include mold design, tools and materials needed as well as some hands-on time. Class may be stretched into two parts, at the discretion of the instructor.



The Art of the Promenade

Mary Isabel of Heatherstone

Promenade: A leisurely walk, especially in a public place for pleasure or display. At a tournament, it is an opportunity to see and be seen, to show off your beautiful clothes, gentle manner and allow people to bask in the splendor that is you. Now: how does one accomplish this task? (For stinky, sweaty fighters, there is a paragraph at the end pertaining specially to you).

- Wear something nice: No one feels like the belle of the ball in his or her kitchen scrubs. This is the time you really want to shine, so make the effort to look the part of nobility. Don't forget the accessories: circlets, veils, whatever provides "the finishing touch" for your persona.

- Find some one to escort you (or someone to escort): You can promenade by yourself, but it is much nicer to have company. It also allows for gentle speech if you have someone else with you lending moral support (and a witty comment if you become tongue tied). Approach the intended escorter (or escortee) and make a "courtesy" (gentlemen should bow, ladies should curtsy). Ask if they would be so kind as to accompany you for a stroll. If they decline, thank them graciously and be on your merry way.

- More about Escorting: If you are escorting a lady, be sure she is on your right side ("The lady on the left is no lady"). If you are escorting two ladies, place the lady of higher rank on your right and the lady of lower rank on your left. If you are escorting three or more ladies, find a friend (don't be greedy, you don't want to look like a shepherd directing a "flock"). Be sure to offer your hand or arm to the ladies, holding it at a comfortable height for the lady. If she takes your arm, do not press her hand into your side (especially if you have just finished fighting 10 rounds). Whatever part of your body you offer should be clean and dry. Carry a handkerchief if needed. Your pace should be leisurely, allowing her to walk comfortably alongside and allowing the populace to marvel at the beautiful creature choosing to spend her time with you. If you come to a narrow opening that does not allow comfortable passage, step aside and allow the lady to pass through first. After you pass through, offer her your arm or hand again and continue on your way.

- Make the Effort to Clean Up: Gentlemen (and ladies who fight)! The only thing that kills the "knight in shining armor" mystique faster than salt-stained armor that can dance a bransle by itself is seeing a pasty, sweaty fighter sitting around bare-chested wearing sweatpants and a cup. After you are done fighting, at least wipe your face and put on a tunic. You can even keep on the cup if you insist, but for pity's sake, cover it up!

- Make polite small talk: This is not the time for your long-winded dis-

sertation on the differences between heavy and rapier fighters (unless your company genuinely seems interested in such things). Keep it light and witty.

- Do NOT step on your lady's dress: try to avoid stepping on any lady's dress, especially if you happen to be walking with her. If you do step on her dress, immediately remove the offending foot and apologize. Ladies: if someone steps on your dress, stop walking immediately. Not only does this clue in the offender, it also prevents damage to your skirt.
- Practice courtesy when you pass other gentles: A slight bow or nod of the head accompanied by a gracious "Good Day/Eve, My Lord/Lady". You get the idea.

Do not keep your company out too long: You don't want to tire out your escort/escorte, so keep it simple. Say hello to a few people and call it good. Save the "Pennsic Merchant Tour" for REALLY good friends.

I hope this article gives you some ideas about how to polish your persona so that you, too can Promenade with Panache.

A Feast at the Court of Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy
 January 29th, 2005
 Barony of Lochmere

Philip, by right and title Duke of Burgundy, Count of Holland and Hainaut, overlord of Brabant, Limberg and the lands of Flanders, sends greetings and bids all to whom these letters come to present themselves at His Court for a feast of the winter hunt, to take place on the 29th day of January, being 2005 in the Common Era at his manor in Lochmere.

Upon this day there shall be diverse entertainments such as may suit His Grace.s court, to wit dancing, singing, playing at cards and dice, and coursing of hounds. That all might know His Grace.s wealth and power, his cooks (by name Master Robear de Bardoulf and his noble apprentice Valhalric Caligula Aurelius) shall put forth a fine supper to suit the season, and there shall be much revelry and merrymaking into the night.

In celebration of this day, all are asked to wear their finest raiment of the Burgundian Court, and to accouter themselves likewise, that the

hall will be made more fair by the presence of banners and fine table linens, silver and bright candles.

Event: Lochmere invites you to a day of feasting and revelry focused on the court of Phillip the Good. All are encouraged to dress in appropriate Burgundian high fashion . reference materials are available at lochmere.atlantia.sca.org/phillip

Entertainment: In addition to the feast, there will be dancing, games, and a variety of entertainers. If you would like to be one of the entertainers, please contact Master Corun MacAnndra at corun@medievalist.org.

Contests: There will be a variety of contests related to the theme of the event, sponsored by various noble persons . check back at the Lochmere website for more details!

Hound Coursing: We will be providing a demonstration of period hound coursing. This is a demonstration only, please don.t bring your hounds without contacting the autocrat!

Site Notes: The event will be held at Earleigh Heights Fire Hall, located at 161 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146. This is a wet site, and is very spacious. Please note that the temperature in the hall will be kept cool, so feel free to break out your wools, silks and furs in high Burgundian style.

Event fees: \$14 on-board, \$7 off-board; make checks payable to Barony of Lochmere, SCA Inc and send them to Chris Stuermer, 405 Arundel Road, Tracys Landing, MD 20779. Nonmembers, please add \$3. Site opens at 11am. There will not be lunch served, but the feast will be held at about 4pm.

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Make your best way to Route 2 in Maryland. From Baltimore and points north, the fire hall is on the left about four miles after the junction of Route 2 and Maryland Route 100. Make the U-turn at Coachman.s Lane, then turn right into Magothy Bridge Road (if you wait at that light at Magothy Bridge to turn left, you.ll be there forever) and park behind the fire hall. From Annapolis and the south, it.s about 8 miles north of the junction of Route 2 and Route 50.

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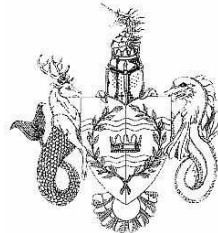
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