

the White Birch

The Newsletter of the Shire of Rokeclif
December xlv (2010)

Seneschal's Missive

I think winter has set in. It's true, Bronislavá and I had to go to Nordskogen to get a dose of snow (bleah) but the bone-chilling cold is here. Time to think about Arts and Sciences — especially those involving heat, such as cooking, mulling wine, and making wooly garments.

Need some advice on such activities? Let me recommend the brand new Known World Handbook, available from SCA Marketplace (www.sca.org) for \$25. The shire is purchasing a copy, but with 222 pages, you'll probably want one of your own.

Most officers have reports due on December 1. Please send me a copy.

THL THL Kudrun



Next Meetings

Monday, December 6 — Research night — LaCrosse Public Library

Monday, December 13 — A&S Night Skokke Towers — Bring sewing machines for garb-making

Wednesday, December 15 — Populace Meeting — Train Station BBQ

601 Saint Andrew Street, LaCrosse

TBA—A Knight of Chivalry

Upcoming Events

December 4	Boar's Head — Caer Anterth Mawr (West Bend WI)
January 15	Twelfth Night — Nordskogen (Bloomington MN)
January 29	It's only a flesh wound — Jararvellir (Jefferson WI)
February 5	That Moot Thingy — Coille Stoirmeil (see ad later in this issue)
February 19	Tournament of Chivalry — Silfren Mere
February 26	Fighters School—Windhaven
March 26	Castle Clearance — Coille Stoirmeil
April 2	Haire Affaire — Falcon's Keep
April 30	Games People Played — Rokeclif
May 7	Rumble in the Forest — Coille Stoirmeil

minutes of the populace meeting

November 15, 2010 — Skokke Towers

Present: Alois, Alyssa, Amata, Bronislavá, Cybele, Gavin, Kudrun, Maewyn, Vitaliano, Vettoria, Robert

The meeting dragged itself to a semblance of order.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chatelaine has been messaging folks like Torquil, Ahlwin, Byle, Simone on facebook. Talked to folks about our gaming event. Padruig has a whole chest of period games! Theatre events are also popping up. At another point in the meeting, Bronislavá asked if the Chatelaine could have a designated fund, and if she could purchase an official shire copy of the new Known World Handbook. The shire approved a \$75 Officer's Fund for the Chatelaine, as well as purchase of the Handbook.

A&S — The list was passed around. December A&S night will focus on sewing. It'll be held at Skokke Towers. Bronislavá has contacted Belle to teach dance and Sorchá to teach Robert the rudiments of being A&S Marshal.

Equestrian - the horsies are asleep.

Chirurgeon-elect still needs a job.

Youth Minister — nothing new.

Web Minister — the Games Event website will be going up soon. Persona stories are invited as well. We need to make certain that all our meetings are on the website, in case non-facebookers want to know what's going on.

Herald — now that mundane life is slowing down, the Herald will be able to focus more attention on learning her job, beginning with an explanation of the Order of Bridget's Flame.

Vitaliano and Robert went upstairs to get the rice, and were elected **Rapier Marshal** and **Armored Combat Marshal** respectively. Congratulations, gentlemen!

Exchequer's third quarter report went in using the new Wisconsin forms AND the old SCA forms. Double thanks to Maewyn this quarter.

GAMES EVENT—April 30

Vitaliano hasn't been able to give them the check, but otherwise it's coming together. Teachers are coming out of the woodwork! We need to think about dishes to go with a ham.

BATTLE OF THE TROUPS

On hold for the moment. Vitaliano is working with Vicki.

AUTUMN ROSE — August 26-28

Date for Autumn Rose was set at August 26-28, 2011, possibly at Veterans Memorial Campground in LaCrosse County. Vitaliano will ask the Board to approve our special needs, e.g., fighting, archery, camping, merchants. This still doesn't commit us to using the site. Other details (feast, porta-potties, refrigeration) will be dealt with later, depending on what the Board says. Anthoinette from Coille Stoirmeil will do feast for us.

BARDIC MADNESS

If Mistress Eithni doesn't find a site for Bardic Madness, we are prepared to step in, using Taylor or the old school in Whitehall for a site. Vitaliano and Vettoria looked at Whitehall, and think it'd be a great site for an indoor event. It has a huge gym, kitchen, tables & nice chairs.

CORONATION or CROWN

Omni Center folks are interested in hosting us. We're excited about hosting the first Crown Tourney on ice. Keep looking for sites, folks. Vitaliano has an excellent site-checker.

Meeting closed officially and shrimp gumbo was enjoyed by all. (Thanks, Bronislavá.)



A&S List December 2010

- Robert — Got art inked.
Got tools for armor
- Kudrun — Taught two classes at SUN
Taught Mills at A&S Night (and lost)
Complained about lousy internet at Library
- Cybele — Told Rudyard Kipling* story “Song from the
Menside” — Hey, it may not be period,
but it’s prehistoric!
- Vitaliano—Researched playing cards and dice
Medieval methods for preparing ham
- Vettoria —Garb research
Learned some medieval games (period chess and
backgammon)
Blackwork research
Looked up info on something illegible
(possibly kumihimo).
- Bronislavá — Learned some period games
Networked.

* Rudyard Kipling was an important part of the early days of SCA. Get Lady Cybele to tell you about it some time.

That Moot Thingy (free AD)

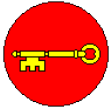
That Moot Thingy will be coming up in Tomah on the weekend of February 4-6, 2011. Site fees will be \$7.50 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5-12, free for children under 5; Family maximum of \$25. Feast fees the same. This is a camping event... in Wisconsin... in February. How cool is that?

Games will include: Build a Castle; Build a Siege Weapon; Decorate a Staff; Mead Wars— there will be a travelling trophy for this; Chair Jousting, and the Bard of the Canton competition. Chair Jousting will be done with wheel chairs this time as they are safer than those old office chairs.

here's the catch —

Coille Stoirmeil would like us to serve lunch, either at this event or at their May 7 event (the week after our gaming event). Who'd like to step up to the...er...kettle and help? (I'm thinking hearty soups, bread & cheese... not too difficult.)

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