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SENESCHAL'S MISSIVE

To all who read and hear these words, Kudrun Pilegrim sends greeting.

We are embarking on exciting times. We're planning a spring event, we'll have a class at the February meeting, and we finished 2009. We'll have a huge (for us) delegation at Bardic Madness as well. It feels like we're shaking off the crust of frost and getting busy again.

The February meeting will be in the big meeting room at LaCrosse Public Library (800 Main Street). We'll have our meeting as soon as we can gather (1:00). Bob and Bronislavá are inviting history and English department folks from the schools in town to an illustrated lecture on the history of the alphabet – the class I presented at Bardic Madness in South Dakota. This is an opportunity to show off the SCA as an educational group, not just a costume party.

As I suggested on the Yahoo list, we might want to have some period finger food to serve any guests that show up. The plan is to hold an educational meeting every other month, opening it to anyone who's interested. Suggestions for classes may be made at the meetings.

Pie Snit III proceeds apace. The announcement should appear in next month's Northwatch.

Kudrun

next meeting

Sunday, February 21

LaCrosse Public Library – Big meeting room in the basement

March meeting will be back at Skokke Towers
6th and Division Streets, LaCrosse.

Anyone who can is welcome to bring food to share

A&S LIST

Kudrun – Taught class on Roger Ascham at Nordskogen's Twelfth Night.

Researching rounds for class at Bardic Madness.

Started Elizabethan garb, but couldn't finish it in one week.

Vitaliano – Researching period May Day activities and traditions.

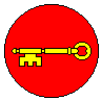
Researching 16th century games and food.

upcoming events

Selected list. For the complete list, see the *Northwatch* or www.northshield.org

- Feb 13 Historical Haire Affaire – Falcon's Keep (Wausau WI)
- Feb 20 Fighter School – Jararvellir (Jefferson WI)
- Feb 27 Lupercalia – (Nicollet MN)
- Feb 27 Bardic Madness XX – Windhaven (DePere WI)
- Mar 5-7 That Moot Thingy – Coille Stoirmeil (Wilton WI)
- April 10 Spring Coronation – Caer Anterth Mawr (Waukesha WI)
- May 1 Pie Snit III – Rokeclif (Taylor WI)**
- May 28-30 Castle Fever/TOC – Silfren Mere (Preston MN)
- July 8-10 Warriors & Warlords – Jararvellir & Nordskogen – Boscobel WI

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minutes of the populace meeting

January 17, 2010 – Skokke Towers Present: Amata, Alyssa, Bronislavá, Failend, Kudrun, Maewyn, Robert, Vettoria, Vitaliano.

Amata opened the meeting at 2:10 – a remarkable violation of “SCA Time”.

OFFICER REPORTS

A&S – P’snort. (A&S Minister really needs to get more sleep.) See list on p. 1.

Exchequer – Domesday report was signed at the meeting. Maewyn will send it off. We had \$2650 at the end of the year. All accounts have been replenished. Maewyn will see what it takes to take the \$50 uncashed check off the books.

Herald – Amata’s having trouble with the Northshield website, so she’s still not official.

Youth Minister – Papers aren’t sent in yet.

Marshalate – Nothing’s going on. (It’s winter!)

Web Minister – Started a page for Pie Snit III. Still wants persona stories and pics of Cliffies in garb.

Chirurgion – Vettoria will be taking classes when they’re offered. Since she was wielding live steel at the meeting she was elected Embroidery Marshal.

Robert – Still hasn’t taken an office, other than Hospitaller.

Chatelaine – Next month’s meeting will include Kudrun’s class on the history of the alphabet. People from college departments of history and English will be invited. Bob will see what it takes to have announcements posted or read. Place – Public Library. We need to find free publicity. Second Supper? Classes will be offered every other month.

We need to get all the loaner garb together before Pie Snit.

Chronicler – noted that the meeting crashed due to a surplus of technology.

Ambassador to Coille Stoirmeil – Failend was offered the post because of her dual citizenship.

Pie Snit III – Site has been rented by Pierre. Website is www.mayday.rokeclif.org. Activities will include pie contests, Trivium Pursuit, Jousting, Bardic circle (themes: May, Pie, Labor Day, snit) Fight practice if we have marshals. Pie the fool fundraiser? Site token = Lily of the Valley. Lunch? Soup? Another group? Fencers – pie as rigid parry weapon?

Autumn Rose – Sweet Sixteenth Century – is going on the calendar. \$12 feast (half price for kids under 12), \$8 day trip. \$10 for the weekend. Bard of Rokeclif rules are expanded – extra points for using “sixteen”.

Meeting Oyezed to a close at 3:30.

