



THE WINDLORE

FROM THE BARON AND BARONNE...

Our Fellow Windy Kitties,

First, we would like to express our gratitude to **Master Callixtus** and his staff for running Ymir 35 under trying conditions. Every year the Barony plans for Ymir with the nightmare of snow storms hanging over our head. This year, our worst fears came true combined with potential site issues as well. None the less, Ymir was a success in just about every way one can measure it - those attending had a great time and the Barony still managed to make a tidy profit. Again, thank you to everyone who came out, and all those who helped make sure it was an awesome event.

Moving forward, we would like to set out a couple goals for the next year. We would like to see Windmasters' Hill host a Kingdom event (Crown, Coronation, 12th Night). It's been a while since we have done that, and we feel it's important that the Barony not only serve the Kingdom in this manner, but come together on a large project like this.

Secondly, we would like to focus some energy towards spiffing up our appearance. The list fence could use a fresh coat of paint and some repairs to start. However, look at your own kit and see where you can improve it. Maybe it's time to have a banner or pennon made, or get a new surcoat/tabard for fighting in. We all know that Windmasters' Hill is full of exceptional people, so let's make sure we look the part.

Lastly, membership numbers are down across the SCA. We'd like to make Windmasters' the outlier on this trend. Let's grow our numbers while everyone else declines. We would like to work on targeted recruitment demos at conventions and gatherings of people who would have a passing interest in the SCA. Already, Attilium is working on a demo at a medieval fair coming up this spring, and Solvar is working on a demo at a convention of people into making stuff. If there are people who cannot get to Pennsic this year, there's a national science fiction/fantasy convention in Raleigh this summer that we'd like to get into.

So, expect future announcements on workshops, painting days, requests for bids, and help at demos in the coming months.

**Yours,
Girard and Guenievre**



Greetings and welcome to the March, 2010 issue of the Windlore, the newsletter for the Barony of Windmasters' Hill.

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WINDMASTERS' HILL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MARCH 2010

6th Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival

<http://www.tirydon.atlantia.sca.org/KASF/>

14th-21st Gulf Wars XIX

<http://www.gulfwars.org/index.html>

14th Baronial Fighter Practice and Meeting

Carolina Pines Park

28th String Thing at Francesca's

<http://www.windmastershill.org/node/888>

APRIL 2010

19th—11th Spring Coronation

http://acorn.atlantia.sca.org/event_flyer.php?event_id=5cde377a

16th—18th Grand Tournoi de l'amitie

http://acorn.atlantia.sca.org/event_flyer.php?event_id=a7b34822

30th Spring Crown Tournament

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

Ymir XXXV: *End of the Russian Winter*



Ymir XXXV was an amazing event despite all attempts by the gods to defeat it with snow and ice. **Master Callixtus Gill** and his amazing staff made many last-minute adjustments to ensure that all who could join them would have a great event. The cabins were warm and cozy, SEVERAL people jumped into the role of taxi driver to ferry event-goers to and from parking, sidewalks were salted and shoveled many times, and the layout of the day's events were changed to accommodate the needs of all. It was truly a management coup! The sunshine on Saturday was a perfect setting for some amazing fighting down on the field. The Heavy Tournament was won by Sir William Thomas. Up in the recreation hall, merchants hawked their wares while the rapier fighters battled it out. The winner of the Rapier Tournament was Lord Dominyk Wolferam. In the Wagoner Building, the Barony of Black Diamond invested its new Baron and Baroness (Vivat Baron MacCon and Baroness Graciela!) while Atlantia's artisans displayed their arts and sciences accomplishments. The event's Arts & Sciences Coordinator, **Lady Kateryn Rous** announced the day's A&S winners. The winner of the Triton Principal Herald-sponsored Scroll Blank Competition was Lord Enequy Erensaurlezelasgarria. He was also the first place winner of the House Corvus: Decameron purse. The second and third place purse winners were Lady Deirdre O'Bardon and Mistress Derbhiled ni Liadh nĀjin. The winner of the Norse Household Items Competition was Lord Tom Drumbuilder. Second and third place winners **Lord Valinn of Windmasters' Hill** and Her Excellency, Baroness Kaleeb al-Akhdar were also awarded prizes. The new Poeta Atlantiae was named: Her Excellency, Baroness Metylda the Cunning. The new Scrivener Royal was named: Isme the Nimble. The Queen's Bard, **Lady Rosanella Vespucci** announced the winners of the Performing Arts Competition with Mistress Derbhiled ni Liadh nĀjin as the overall winner.

Court was held in the recreation hall and several deserving Windy Kitties were recognized. **Konrad von Windmeister Hugel** was inducted into the Order of the Hippocampus. **Lord Galen Mac Cuinnegain** was most deservedly inducted into the Order of the Golden Dolphin. **Sir Justus de Tyre** was summoned into Court and requested to serve the King as His Royal Bard—a request that Sir Justus immediately accepted. **Master Callixtus Gill** was given the Award of the Herring for his valiant efforts as Autocrat. Many congratulations to **Baroness Adrianna la Bretonne**—now **Dame Adrianna!**—who was elevated to Pelican during the event. Windmasters' Hill is truly blessed with the best and brightest in the Kingdom and we are so proud of these Windy Kitties!

The best part of the event, though, was when **His Majesty Tsar Vladimir Ivanovich Alexandrov** declared an **END TO THE RUSSIAN WINTER**. I do believe that even the heartiest of Ymir fans will be glad to say goodbye to the snow.



Lady Caterina is a beautiful Viking in the snow!



Baron Girard adds a new Windy Kitty as Craig is inducted into the Order of the Kitty Hawk



Our stunning Baronne Guenievre



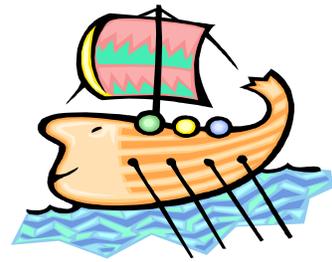
Lord Douglas is bringing Viking back!



The new Dame Adrianna la Bretonne at her elevation to Pelican. We are so proud of you, Drea!



Master Dunstan le Heryngmongere “sings” a scroll to Lady Rosanella Vespucci as she is inducted into the Order of the Boreas



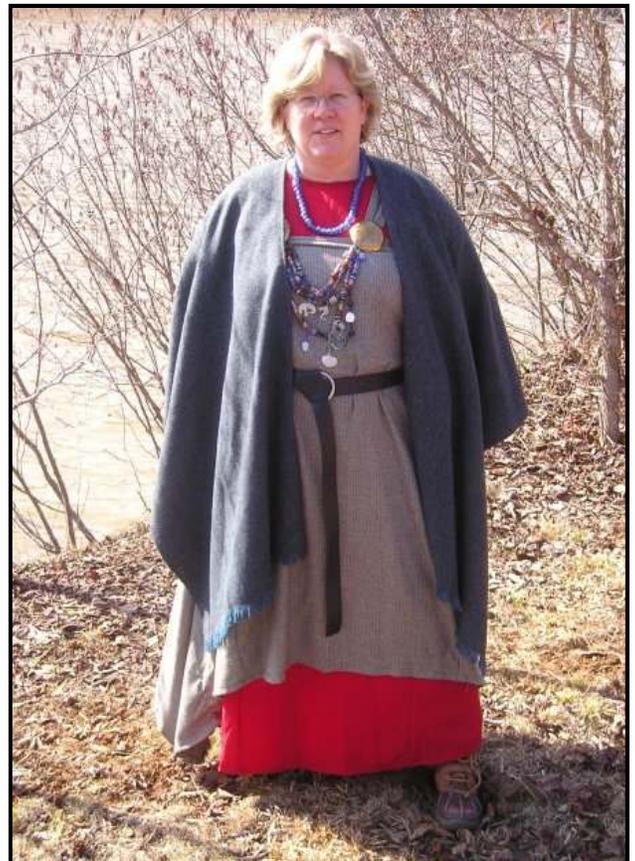
Boys will be boys—
Windy Kitties included!



A beautiful table crafted by Filippo was the centerpiece for much merry-making!



Celebrating at Mistress Drea’s vigil



Merwenna striking a lovely Nordic pose!

GET TO KNOW YOUR BARONY



Master Dunstan le Heryngmongere

Dunstan LeHeryngmongere first came to the Kingdom of Atlantia in AS XXIX from the Kingdom of Adenveldt, where he participated only marginally in the SCA for several years before that. Something about Windmasters' Hill and its people has inspired him ever since to pursue the dream with more vigor. He has been active in Children's activities, serving as the Baronial Minister of Minors for five years, and as the Baronial Chronicler. He is currently the Local Chronicler Deputy for the Kingdom of Atlantia. He dabbles in many different arts, including woodworking, stone working, illumination, calligraphy, singing, song writing, story telling and performance arts in general. He is also into Heavy fighting, Dance (occasionally—which makes him a well-rounded Windy Kitty!), Chirurgeon, and children's lives in period. His projects include Wooden Game Boards, Wooden Misericords, Woodcuts, Stone carvings, Leatherworking, Poetry, including Viking age and Middle English and troubadour style. He is a prolific songwriter and many of his songs are sung by Bards not only in Atlantia but around the Knowne World.

Dunstan was born in the year 1154 in Yarmouth, England. He lives in the glorious year of 1193 in Lynn, England. He is half Saxon and half Scotsman, which, according to his grandfather, makes him too Scottish to be a noble man and too Saxon to be a real man.

In the mundane world, Dunstan portrays Keith Neelson, a 39 year old Park Ranger who lives in Durham, North Carolina with his beautiful wife, two powerful children, and two pet snakes. He spends much of his spare time wishing he had more spare time. He pretty much lives for Bardic Circles where his songs and stories are requested often and known throughout the Kingdom.

Each month we will highlight a member of the Barony in the *Windlore*. This will give us all a chance to get to know each other better, and assist newcomers in identifying “who’s who and what do they do.” If you would be willing to be a highlighted Windy Kitty, please send an email to the Chronicler – don’t be shy, we want to know about YOU!

Dunstan has given countless hours of service to the Kingdom in many ways, one of which is sharing his knowledge through teaching. Some of the classes he has taught and publications he has taught include:

**'Growing up in 12-14th century Europe'- Article in Tournaments Illuminated
-Printed in 2003**

**'I saw upon the pier one day'- 12th century style poem printed in the
Oak (Atlantian Newsletter) 12/2005**

**Multiple poems published in Baronial newsletters throughout 2004-2008,
including the Windlore, the Phoenix, Edicts and Epistles, The Drekkar**

Class at University- 'Bardic for the Bardically Challenged' Fall university 2005

Class- 'Beginner Bardic'- taught 3 times during 2002-2004

(at Canton Meetings of Kappelenburg, Attilium, and Nimenfeld)

Class- 'Youth Activities in the SCA'- taught 4 times 2002-2004

(at Canton Meetings of Kappelenburg, Attilium and Nimenfeld)

Class- 'A Brief History of Known World Torture and Execution'-

(Taught at multiple High schools.)

Class- 'Introduction to the Black Death'

(Taught at multiple High schools.)

**Class- 'The Prose and Poetic Eddas/ Viking Stonework (a split class lasting about
90 minutes total)'(Taught at Elvegast Canton Meeting January 2003)**

Master Dunstan has also served by holding several offices while a member of the Kingdom of Atlantia. He is currently the Kingdom Local Chronicler Deputy having served since August of 2008. He was the Chronicler for the Barony of Windmasters' Hill from February 2005 through February 2008. He has shared his love of working with children as the Minister of Minors for the Barony of Windmasters' Hill from January 2001 through February of 2005. He was also the Minister of Minors for the Canton of Elvegast from January 2000 from February 2001. As always, Dunstan has shared his many talents through service as the Baronial Bard for Windmasters' Hill from June of 2003 through July of 2004. He was the Kingdom Bard in 2005 and 2006 and also Poeta Atlantiae 2006 and 2007. Dunstan has received many well-deserved awards for his talents and service. He was proclaimed Laurel in 2007 not only for his bardic arts but for his wood and leather work. He is a Companion of the Golden Dolphin, Companion of the Pearl, Companion of the Kitty Hawk, and member of the Orders of the Tempest, Boreas, Don Quixote and St. Nicholas. He has received the King's Award of Excellence, two Silver Nautilus Awards, as well as a Grant and Award of Arms.

Master Dunstan le Heryngmongere is truly an example of all that is the best of the Barony of Windmasters' Hill and we are proud to claim him as one of our Own.



NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY BARONIAL MEETING

The February Baronial Meeting was held on February 21, 2010 at Carolina Pines Park. Seneschal Lord Duncan DeBrus announced that he has a new Deputy. Lord Gaelan mac Connagain will be taking over for Duncan shortly due to Duncan's increased job requirements. The target date for Lord Gaelan to take over as Seneschal is next month's meeting so Lord Gaelan ran the meeting today.

Their Excellencies thanked Master Calli and the Ymir staff for their hard work. Calli received a Herring from Their Majesties for his valiant efforts. Lady Trepina is still working on the Ymir books and still accepting receipts. Today is the final day for refund requests. Their Excellencies shared their goals for the Barony this year. First: They would like to see us host a Kingdom event in the barony (i.e. crown tourney). Lord Wistric is putting in an event bid and they invited others to do so as well. Second: The list fence is in need of "spiffing." Third: Recruitment of new members. Demos are encouraged and some are already in the works: Lord Alain is having a demo in Raeford. There is a Sci Fi convention coming to Raleigh and we want to do a demo. Their Excellencies are asking for more demos and volunteers. Coronation will be here soon and Their Excellencies would like a turnout and procession with banners like at the Tournament of the Lily. Her Excellency would like to remind people that the SCA is about courtesy. The Ymir staff received a lot of grief for decisions that were made due to conditions at the event site. The decisions they made were necessary for the event to go on. It would be nice to remember to be more courteous in the future.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Herald (Baron James of Middle Aston) – There was a change in the order of precedence at Ymir. Baroness Adrianna received her Pelican (and prefers Dame to Mistress). The Herald's office will be changing hands at the next event (Tourney of Friends).

MOL (Lady Helwynn Ivelchild) – The MOL at Ymir went well. There were 80 fighters. We are in need of more MOL's. If you would like to learn, James or Helwynn can teach the class, and there is not a minimum of time necessary between the class and working as MOL. Dame Adrianna will need help at the MOL table for Tourney of Friends.

A&S (Lady Sunneva de Cleia by email) – January: The Queen's Royal Bard, our own Lady Rosanella Vespucci, unveiled a Kingdom Performing Arts website. The webpage is linked to the Kingdom A&S site and can be found at <http://moas.atlantia.sca.org/performingarts/>. Lady Rosanella also created **Rendition**, a monthly newsletter dedicated to the performing arts. **Rendition** can be found at the above URL. Sir Andras and Mistress Francesca continue to host A&S gatherings at their respective homes. Sir Andras opened his shop on the 16th for all interested parties, and Mistress Francesca hosted her monthly gathering "String Thing" on the 24th. February : Tessa de Spina hosted a scriptorium from her home on the 7th. Mistress Maddalena will host sewing classes on the 27th. The biggest news for February is, of course, Ymir. Lady Kateryn Rous was in charge of A&S. She coordinated five competitions, as well as a general display: Norse Household goods competition, Kingdom Scroll Blank competition (hosted by Lady Livia Zanna), Performing Arts competition (hosted by Lady Rosanella Vespucci), and also competitions for the Kingdom offices of Scrivener Royal and Poeta Atlantia. Several Windy Kitties were distinguished by their artistic efforts. Lord Valinn won second place in the Norse Household Goods competition with a handmade Viking Seax, Sir Justus was named King's Bard, and Lady Rosanella was inducted into the Order of the Boreas. If any citizens require assistance of an artistic sort, please contact her at jenyanydots AT [gmail.com](mailto:jenyanydots@gmail.com) and let her know how she can help. Baron James of Middle Aston reminded the populace that Kingdom A&S is in two weeks. It's approximately 3 hours away. You can register online for the competitions, which include Royal Baker, Royal Brewer, Smackdown, Persona Pentathlon, Youth Triathlon, and more.

Chatelaine (Lady Marion le Red) – Lady Rosanella ran Newcomers at Ymir. Luckily all the newcomers came pre-garbed as no gold keys made it to the event due to communication issues. Marion would like help with the Sci Fi convention demo that will occur during Pennsic. Solvarr will be heading a demo at the Maker's Fair in Durham.

Quartermaster (Lady Marion le Red) – Craig has agreed to be deputy quartermaster. The plan is for Craig to step up to this position around MATO. Their Excellencies would like the Eric "spiffed" up, and there is paint for this in the shed. All that is required is planning and manpower. Marion and Solvarr have volunteered their home as a possible location. His Excellency also pointed out that some corner pieces could use repair, and more corner pieces need to be made. Additions to the inventory have been made, including a box of organized kitchen utensils. Lids and utensils long enough to use in the tall pots have also been added.

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Exchequer (Lady Trepina Broderesse) – Preliminary numbers from Ymir: 300 people paid and onsite, >300 adults and ~30 children. Most requests for refunds just donated the money. About \$670 has been requested to be refunded. About \$2000 in profit, with few receipts outstanding. Collected \$5200 in ACCEPS pre-registration fees. Doomsday Report -- \$13,569 in the baronial account, \$4000 in depreciated equipment, \$1300 for the coronets. Full report will be posted by the chronicler. We currently have \$20,038 in the account. \$500 is allocated for emergency fund, \$50 allocated for baronial expenses. \$19,488 unallocated in baronial account. Trepina will be stepping down as baronial exchequer and stepping up as regional exchequer. Baroness Maddalena will be replacing her. We currently have a financial committee, headed by Baroness Maddalena. Lady Trepina will be supporting this in the future. We also will need a review of the books.

Minister of Youth (Elisabeth) – When it's consistently warm, she will be holding Page classes. Baroness Morwenna is helping Elisabeth get her Chiurgeonate, since the barony doesn't currently have one and it's useful when working with children. She hopes to be finished with this training by the Children's Fete at Pennsic. Children's Fete at Pennsic will possibly be sponsored by the barony during Pennsic War Week.

Heavy Marshall (Sir Falcone not at meeting, Baron Girard gave report) – There was a good practice on Saturday in Attilium.

Chronicler – Lady Rosanella was not able to be present. Minutes were taken by Deputy Chronicler, Adelheid. No new reports from the Chronicler's office.

CANTON REPORTS

Attilium (Alain gave report for Seneschal) – Filippo will be putting on a demo May 1, 2010. More information to be posted to the Merry Rose. April 16-18 is the Tourney of Friends. This will be a Royal progress event and Lady Rosanella Vespucci will be the Royal Liaison. Lady Marion le Red has agreed to be co-autocrat of the event. They are still in need of an archery marshal, preferably from within the barony. There is also a need for someone to operate Newcomers' Point as well. Next week will be an open barn equestrian practice. They are expecting about 6 riders.

Elvegast (Lord Manus McDhai) – Still meeting Thursday nights. They are co-sponsoring Tourney of Friends. Will not be supporting NC Renaissance Faire this year due to event conflict.

Nimenefeld (Lord Jodocus Mening von Badenweiler) – Meeting 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. "Western Marshall Arts" Class every Wednesday at the community center in Fuquay. MATO pushed back to the weekend of September 24th due to other events on the schedule.

Buckston (Lady Tessa de Spina) – Meeting 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at St. Phillip's in Durham. Alternating Scriptorium and Archery at Tessa's house on Sundays.

Kapellenberg (Master Nikolai) – Meeting Mondays at Chapel of the Cross. Must use front entrance, can't go in the old way. Fighter practice every Thursday starting between 5:30 and 6 at Their Excellencies' home. Lord Wistric will be teaching the class this week. Next week's class is the "class that shall not be named" – a lot of fun is promised.

OLD BUSINESS

We have a Pennsic camp steward! Lady Rowan and Joe the fencer! Looking for Ymir Autocrats.

NEW BUSINESS

Dame Adrianna is requesting the use of Optimist Farm to host the Golden Rose Tournament. Chris Cunning volunteered to be event steward. The event will be held Labor Day weekend, September 3-5 and will be a 1 day event. Duchess Simone will be the Royal Liaison. The populace voted to hold the event at Optimist and possibly rent out the pavilions and the Eric. Maker's Faire – Large craft fair in Durham, 25 April, 2010. Free to have a demo there. Would like hands-on demonstrations to help attract new members. Solvarr will put out more information later.

Next month's Baronial meeting will be held 14 March, 2010, at 4PM at Carolina Pines. Baronial Fighter practice will also be held this day.





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