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The Newsletter of the Barony of Windmasters' Hill

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Welcome to the Windlore!



Members of the Village People were occasionally seen as supporters in some heraldry... Greetings and welcome to the April 2007 issue of the Windlore, the newsletter for the Barony of Windmasters' Hill. This newsletter is distributed primarily in an electronic format and is accessible from the website www.windmastershill.org. If you desire to be sent a hard copy of the windlore via mail, please submit a written request to the Barony by coming to a monthly Baronial Meeting or by contacting the Baronial Chronicler:

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Letter from Their Excellencies

Greetings from Their Excellencies, Gaston and Rosalind, Baron and Baroness of Windmasters' Hill.

April will be very busy for us as we travel across Atlantia and the Barony. We will be traveling to Coronation and are very pleased to hear about all the wonderful Roman projects that are being planned by our populace. We are also looking forward to attending Tournament of Chivalry and Baronial Investiture. We invite the Barony to join us in our travels. We are also happy to announce that Girard, Guenievre, and Beatrice have stepped forward to share the role of Pennsic camp stewards for the year. Thank you guys! We are looking forward to this year's Pennsic and knowing now that we are in such good hands makes it even more exciting.

His Excellency has thrown down the gauntlet at the feet of the Baronial Herald and he has graciously accepted the challenge. His Excellency must now enter an A&S project of his own hand by the next event within the Barony.

Her Excellency would also issue a challenge of her own to each of the Barony's duelist. She has pledged to don harness and take the field with the armored fighters for at least one battle at this Pennsic War as a spearman and challenges her valiant rapier fighters to join her. To that end she is offering her help, in any way she can provide it, to any duelist who in support of the Barony takes up the spear for one battle and stands beside her this year at war.

His Grace Duke Cuan, our Baronial Warlord is hard at work assembling a phone tree of all the authorized heavy fighters within the Barony, we have found that there are in excess of 50 armed warriors that call Windmasters' home, if you are one of those warriors, expect an invitation to the next Baronial Practice. The days of discussing Windmasters' former glory upon the field are history; we are going to once again remind the East Kingdom why they put their very best against us.

Lastly we would like to tip our collective hats to one of our Barony's hardest working people. Malcolm Boru. If you don't know what Malcolm does, he takes care of our electronic needs in our medieval life. He has worked very hard to find a new service to host the new Baronial web pages, email lists and the NEW Baronial Message board, which His Excellency is personally really looking forward too. Having a single point of contact where we can carry on multiple indepth discussions with the entire Barony over a myriad of topics at one time without overriding each other is very exciting.

Thank you all for your wonderful support and we hope to see you often in the coming month.

Gaston and Rosalind

OFFICER'S Letters

Chronicler's Quill

Greetings to the Great and Glorious Populace of Windmasters' Hill-

This Windlore contains an article on using wikipedia by James of Middle Aston. Thanks James! I also want to thank Eihblin and Jehanette, two Baronial Officers who consistently send me letters for the Winlore. You ladies are awesome!

I am still looking for a deputy to assist me in my role as chronicler. While it is nice to have a deputy that would one day like to take the job of chronicler, it is not necessary. Let me know if you are interested.

> In service, Dunstan leHeryngmongere



Pictured above is one of the Official Christian symbols that denotes 'Holy Matrimony'. Now, the question in my mind is this . . . is this symbol saying that Holy Matrimony is a life long bond of friendship and support or is it saying that once you get married this is all you're ever going to get? You decide.

From the Chatelaine's Chair April 2007

April 2007

Greetings unto the Populace of Windmasters' Hill from Lady Eibhlin inghean ui Chiarain, Chatelaine

Selecting a persona, developing the person that you will "become" at events and in the minds and hearts of your fellow SCAdians, can be terribly daunting or terrific fun. It all depends upon how you approach it.

Making a persona is a lot like building Frankenstein's monster. You have to start with the bare bones of history and raw flesh of your ideas. You decide upon a place and a time to call your own. Anything is possible, but a persona that's not built on good historical concepts is like a body with arms where its legs should be, awkward, clumsy and constantly provoking comment and requiring explanation. It's good practice throughout this process to think of your persona as embodying an idea, activity, or point of view and discover the historical period that epitomizes that to you. You may dig up a rich and beautiful culture that is ripe for research and discovery.

Once you have a persona you can describe in time and date terms, i.e. 15th century Florentine merchant, 8th Century Viking weaver, 13th Century knight from Chartres, it is time for the tricky task of adding a name. Names, like brains, shouldn't be Abby Normal. The College of Heralds can be your best asset in this search. Like a competent lab assistant, a good name herald can help you select a good specimen that suits the needs to which it will be put. He or she can do necessary surgery, changing spellings and honorifics, and warn you if you are getting off track. Names in the SCA are not exactly permanent. You can change your name registration easily. But trying to get all the people who knew you as "Olaf the Flatulent" to start calling you "Diego Ramon Cerveza-Caban de Seville" may strain your patience and try your friendships. Your name may be all people know about your persona. A name is a touchstone to your persona and for many people, their name symbolizes the reason they joined the SCA.

The spark of life animates a well developed persona. Clothing, hair, mannerisms, and speech combine with the knowledge of place and time to create a person who might have been. When done right, it is more than acting. A well developed persona is a personal window into the Dream. Others can see history, or learn about it, but you, lucky you, are living history. It's ALIVE!

Greetings from your Baronial MOAS

Kingdom A&S went well. We had a couple of local people recognized for their excellence. Phillipa received her Pearl and Guenievre received her silver nautalus. Congratulations to those gentles and all those who completed in the Pentathalon.

The Baronial A&S workshop went well. There were 16 people in attendance, all working on various projects. Thank you to those who attended. Also, many thanks to Beatrice and Phillipa for arranging the location and class.

The recent Atllium demo was fabulous and had a number of excellent A&S displays. Thank you to all the artisans of the Barony who supported that demo. Please remember that the upcoming Ren Faire demo is hoping to be as rich or richer is A&S. If you are interested in doing/showing A&S at that Demo (April 14-15) please contact Jehanette at annealea@yahoo.com or 919-219-5647.

In Service, Jehanette de Provins

Minutes for the Baronial Meeting in March

Minutes of the Barony of Windmasters' Hill March Baronial Meeting, held at Subway Restaurant, Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

Chow brought the meeting to order at 4:30.

Chow commented that new people aren't coming to the Baronial meetings. We need everyone to come to the Baronial meetings. We need deputies and new people to take Baronial offices. We need more people to go to Pennsic. We need to be more inclusive and keep new people included in all activities.

Baronage comments: Rosalind and Gaston had 2 things to talk about. 1) Pennsic camp steward. We now have a 'brute squad.' Girard, Guenievre, and Beatrice will be taking care of it for us. Gaston and Girard will be organizing a working brute squad to do land grab, set everything up and come back over that weekend, returning that Sunday. There is room for 2 more people to come with Gaston and Girard to help out—Alaric volunteered to join them. Beatrice will be negotiating and handling the land grab and campsites. She will remain onsite for both weeks. When you get to camp start helping out whenever you get there. Take down should also be a group effort-even if it is the day before. People should give money, land, and come to work if you are going to Pennsic. It's easier if everyone shares the load.

2) Gaston brought up War of the Wings. We've been approached again to do it. The event date and everything has been shuffled around. Currently it is still scheduled for the weekend of October University. Sacred Stone's current proposal is that we be the other group to fight in their land. Gaston wants to make a counter offer for 2008 and we are going to choose the site and be in more control and 'own' half of it. We will need a sweet deal for just participating if we don't have more control. There needs to be more organization and people power. We can't do it this year, so we talk about next year. If the Barony is interested in pursuing this the Baronages, War Lords, etc. need to talk and make treaties of how we are to

proceed--who is in control, who chooses staff, etc. Gaston will go back to Sacred Stone to let them know what we think. But if it works for 2008 we will need to have bids in by October 2007 at the latest. We need to streamline the methods of communication between the Baronies. The date for the event is also up for grabs because of conflicts. Gaston will tell them we are not ready for 2007 based on the consensus of our discussions.

Officer Reports:

Chatalaine: Eibhlin said there was a successful demo in Attillium. Many people attended it. They got some contacts and they're following them up. The next demo is the NC Renaissance Faire-April 14th and 15th. Jehanette said that she has not had many volunteers. She especially needs heavy fighters. She will also ask individuals to do A&S during both days. It was suggested that she ask individuals to help or for specific roles. We have a significant amount of space this year and she'd like to use the Baronial erics. We are not on the official schedule, so we can be more flexible in our fighting schedule. We are shy on marshals. We need people to work the crowd to identify and talk about the SCA during the fighting. Eibhlin will be providing clipboards, etc. to sign people up.

Chirurgeon: The chirurgeon duties at Pennsic will be run similarly to the past. The issues from last year have been resolved.

Chronicler: Dunstan is not here. Get your Windlore stuff in by the 22^{nd} .

Herald: James has a deputy—Rhieinwy-lydd.

Knight Marshal: Alaric said there was a fantastic practice today and War Lord Cuan did a great job. There were many different types of drills, etc., and about a dozen people there. Also Cuan was trying to get names together for a phone tree. If you have any interest in helping fighting in any way let Alaric know. We are headed towards being an army that is organized and feared. Alaric is looking to step down so he can fight more, so he is looking for a replacement.

Rapier Marshal: Wystric said there was 5 fencers out and there need to be more. Not quite enough for melee.

Archery Marshal: Manus is hosting an arrow-making workshop next Saturday at 1 at his house. Please RSVP. It is \$38 for a dozen. Last time there were 4 people and they made lots of arrows.

Arts & Sciences: Jehanette said the workshop went well yesterday at Philippa's worksite. Will have an A&S site for the Barony's webpage. There is a new Kingdom Minister of A&S. Philippa got a Pearl at KASF even though she didn't attend. Guenievre got a Silver Nautilus for her pentathlon presentation at KASF

MOL: Zita was not here.

Web minister: Malcolm looked at different ideas for websites. The hardest thing is trying to find a site that would do an email list like the Keep. Most have mail lists for announcements only. There are 3 possibilities: stay on Kingdom server @\$5/month. Not sure if the webminister will keep it updated since he is looking for a replacement. The other possibilities are Dreamhost and Hosting Zoom. Hosting Zoom has two servers for redundancy. We don't have a good idea of how much space we will need for our forums. Hosting Zoom offers more types of software, and a clustered solution. Dreamhost has a good reputation based on Jehanette's experience. She hasn't heard of Hosting Zoom (nor had anyone else). Many people in the Barony use Dreamhost. Dreamhost will allow us to add software but will not upkeep the added software. Gaston suggested letting Malcolm make an informed decision. A motion was made to allocate \$250 for Malcolm to make the final decision to choose a host and start the process. It was seconded and passed. We also could host the canton sites for free if there is an interest.

Quartermaster: Beatrice asked Alaric if he went to Kanata to check for our missing pots. She might keep the pots at her place so they can get engraved. Alaric said he was going back soon and would loan her an engraving tool with the returned pots.

Warlord: Cuan was still at practice.

MOM: Mariana is not here.

Exchequer: Piero announced that as of the beginning of the meeting, the total in our bank account: \$15,601.88 of which \$4,259.28 is allocated, and \$11,342.60 unallocated. The preliminary final accounting for Ymir: budgeted: \$5,190 with \$4,600 paid receipts, so we came in under budget! The total take is just under \$8500 with a profit of around \$3400. Piero could use another deputy. Kingdom law says that he must have a 'drop dead' deputy.

Seneschal: Chow needs new faces for officers. He also needs membership numbers to be updated for all officers. Please send the information by email. A Pennsic topic: group food issues became confusing, particularly for new people. Sometimes people decide to cook for a small group while someone else may decide to cook for everyone-but the word doesn't get out. Could this be better organized so people will know what's going on? One suggestion is to use a dry erase board in the common kitchen area to announce something like that. Also, at Pennsic help out new people who are there for the first time to let them know how it works. Gaston makes a map of Pennsic and where everyone camps, etc, which is useful.

Regarding the workshop at Philippa's worksite-about 16 people attended and were doing all kinds of different A&S things. She will maybe set another date in May to focus on garb for the Don Quixote/Buckston event in June. Philippa noted that there are two public parks nearby so there are possibilities for a Baronial practice and meeting in addition to room for A&S activities. There could be more exposure having practice at another park. There was discussion of what the Attillium folks thought about having Baronial meeting/practices in that area. Eihblin said the main issue is inconsistency in site locations. It's hard to convince new people to join the activities on a regular basis.

Canton Reports:

Attillium: Oisin doesn't need a deputy. He noted that the biggest deal of coming to the Baronial meetings and fighter practices is that the site keeps changing. A centralized location would be cool, particularly if there also is A&S. He mentioned the big demo last weekend and they really appreciated the support from the Barony. David Smith is back from the war. Canton business and A&S times as usual. **Buckston:** Philippa reports things are going well. Dance 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Tuesdays of the month, Hafla on 4^{th} Tuesdays, A&S on the 2^{nd} Tuesdays. If there is dance on the weekend more people from Attilium might come. Possible project is filming dances so people will learn how to dance. If you have ideas about the Don Quixote event please let her or Tessa know. The Buckston website is up and fun. Rapier every Tuesday and heavy fighting if a marshal can make it. Announcements regarding heavy fighting are made by noon on Tuesdays.

Elvegast: Ormarr was not here.

K-berg: Beatrice reported they set up classes on their website. Fighter practices are now held in Wilson park in Carrboro-directions are on the website. Rapier starts at 5:30; heavy 7:30. Beatrice has documentation on Roman and Byzantine garb and on dyes, etc. Contact her if you'd like a copy. Adrianna offered to post it on a website.

Nimenefeld: Elspeth said they are doing well and have 3 new members. They are working on Cattle Raids, the theme this year is "The Butchers of Nimenefeld." Fighter practices haven't started yet.

Old Business: None

New business: Gaston mentioned that a Baronial discretionary fund is available. The Barony needs a right-handed Baronial Shield. Geoffrey has a good left-handed shield, but that won't work for Gaston. Adrianna found a good aluminum shield at Gulf Wars. A motion was made to allocate \$80 to buy a right-handed shield for the Barony. Seconded. Passed. Gaston wanted to split the cost with the Barony but it was decided that he was not allowed to spend his money for Baronial property.

Piero mentioned that some funds allocated before December don't have cancellation dates. The remaining Baronial polling fund money should to be returned to the general fund. Motion to that effect, seconded, and passed. The Baronial scriptorium has money for supplies \$14.77 is left. Piero made a motion to increase the amount to \$50.00. Seconded, passed. There was discussion about whether there was a way to annually reallocate recurring fund lines (like scriptorium supplies), but there didn't seem to be a solution to this. Nikulai asked about having a time limit for all funds—which is what Piero is trying to do. We may need to change financial policy on this. There should be a link to the Barony's financial policy on the Baronial website. It should be on the Kingdom Exchequer website.

Helwynn announced the Windmasters' Hill Cook's Guild will meet next Sunday at Guienvre's clubhouse. It will be a potluck meeting at 4pm. The Guild decided that some meetings will be pot luck and others will be class/discussion types. <u>WHCooks@yahoo.com</u> is the discussion group. Come if you are interested.

James said that after KASF there was discussion about Wikipedia -- people were using in their documentation and it was distressful because it is not a reliable source for documentation. Gaston said that if James wrote an article about that for the Windlore then Gaston will create and submit an A&S project at the next Baronial event. An agreement to that effect was drawn up and signed by both parties, and should be printed elsewhere in this Windlore.

Girard said that Windmasters Hill isn't up as an official camp at the Pennsic site yet, but it will be up ASAP—so if you've already preregistered with the Coopers go back and sign up with Windmasters' Hill camp. If you have a choice of campsite let Girard know.

Adrianna was back from Gulf Wars and talked about the event. She noted that there were no A&S entries for Atlantia until the day of the event, so next year send things even if you can't go. She recommended attending the war because it was a lot of fun.

Alaric announced that he is going to investigate whether Wystan can be the Knight Marshal for the Barony and still be Knight Marshal for Buckston.

The next Baronial meeting is the weekend of the Renn Faire. There will be discussions about where we will meet then. Baron Gaston will be helping out at the Renn Faire.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

Submitted by Trephina la Broderesse ©

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are events that are in the area, nearby or that might be of interest. Any item listed with a *** is NOT an official SCA event.

April

Coronation of Valharic and Ariellewill be held in Reidsville, NC on April 6-8.

Tournament of Chivalry will be held Aprl 20-22 in Bennettsville, SC.

May

Spring Crown Tourney will be held in Swope, VA on May 4-6.

June

Midsummer's Twilight Tourney will be held in Leasburg, NC on June 8-10

String Thing is back!

String Thing officially restarts it's monthly meeting of all things fabric.

April 22nd is the next meeting. Meetings typically go from 2PM to 5PM

Contact Francesca at 471 2727 for details.

Directions to get to the next Baronial Meeting:

As of the Printing of this Windlore the location of the April Baronial Meeting and practice had yet to be determined, though it was most likely going to be Carolina Pines and people were looking into using the indoor group room there. It will be posted to the keep once it is known and if you want directions and do not have web access you may call me at 919-678-0118.

In service, Dunstan LeHeryngmongere



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For details, contact Keith Nealson at rangernealson at aol.com or 919678-0118 The Baronial Contact List is waiting for you to make it bigger and better!

If you want to be one of the **cool people**, one of the **networkers**, one of the **people who can actually be found** in this crazy webwise world, then go to the website

http://www.sinister.net/wh/whph one.htm and let your info be known. Many thanks to Master Corwyn for putting it together!

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Champion

Lord Bjorn of Attilium

Courtier TBD at Midsummers Tourney

Archer

TBD at Midsummers Tourney Artisan

TBD at Midsummers Tourney Bard

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<u>Wiki Wacki Waikiki: A few notes about researching with</u> <u>Wikipedia</u>

an article by James of Middle Aston

After Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival (only 11 months until KASF 2008!) a discussion started brewing in a number of different groups. It was noted that quite a few people exhibiting and entering competitions at KASF seemed to be relying more and more on a relatively new resource for Arts and Science documentation: Wikipedia. At the Baronial meeting, I was charged with the task of writing a short piece for the Windlore on this new resource. (See the contract on this page)

From the Wikipedia Web site:

"Wikipedia is a multilingual, web-based, free content encyclopedia project. Wikipedia is written collaboratively by volunteers from all around the world. With rare exceptions, its articles can be edited by anyone with access to the Internet, simply by clicking the *edit this page* link."

This seems to make this a very valuable resource, but, beware. Anyone can be an editor: professor at your favorite university, a knowledgable amateur, someone trying to shade historical events to one side or the other, or even someone just out to vandalize the subject. So, you must always take what you get with a grain of salt. Actually, following Wikipedia's own advice about researching using Wikipedia is, probably, the most valuable page on the whole site. They suggest three important things to remember when using Wikipedia:

- 1) Always be wary of any one single source, or of multiple works that derive from a single source.
- 2) Where articles have references to external sources (whether online or not) read the references and check whether they really do support what the article says.
- In all academic institutions, Wikipedia is unacceptable as a major source for a research paper. Other encyclopaedias such as Brittanica have notable authors working for them and may be cited in most cases.

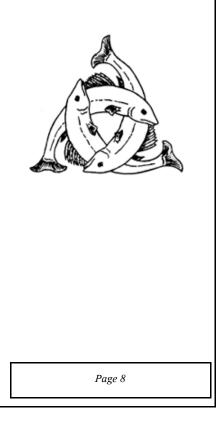
So, with respect to the Arts and Sciences project into which you are about to invest you blood, sweat and tears, be wary to make sure that you check everything out. I'm not saying that Wikipedia should be completely avoided. On the contrary, it makes a great place to start. You can find out some basic information but the gold is in the article references. Take them and start from there. Again, you should look at the references to make sure that they are something useful to you. If there are all references to a single person or source, see Recommendation #1 above.

In summary, Wikipedia is an excellent place to start your research. To paraphrase one friendly peer from KASF, "If I want to know who the Sheriff of Deadwood was in 1865, I'll go to Wikipedia, otherwise, I'll just start there for sources and move along." You are investing lots of time and energy in your Arts and Sciences endeavor, you should take an extra step or two with your documentation as well.

Wikipedia's 'How to use wikipedia' website; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Researching_with_Wikipedia

3/18/07 Baron Gaston will enter an A:S project in the next baronial event If James of Middle Aston will write an article for the WindLove about documentation (specifically regarding use of Wikipedia) for the next published Windlore. Ants Michay Gura / Almit At the March Baronial Meeting Baron Gaston threw down the guantlet of challenge to James of Middle Aston. His Challenge: well, you can

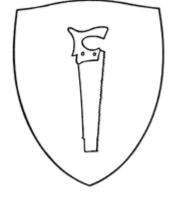
read it above. James accepted the challenge and his article to the windlore is directly to the left. Now it falls to his Excellency to enter the A&S competition at the next Baronial Event. Speaking of which, friendly reminder: June 8-10th is Midsummers' Twilight Tourney.



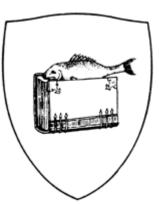
A few of the Saint's Heraldry and their Likely Reactions to it.

Pictured below are the Heraldic Representations of Five saints. Underneath each heraldic representation is a possible reaction that that saint might have to their Heraldry. NOTE: The Saints themselves were NOT actually interviewed, and the quotes below are purely theoretical. Please do not take this as an affront to any particular church. It should rather be taken as an affront to the English language.

-The Editor.



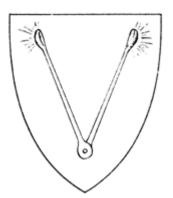
St. James the Less When first shown this symbol of his divine grace St James the less Was heard to respond "Yeah, ok, I saw it already."



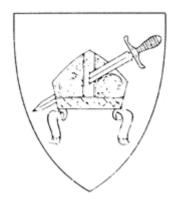
St. Simon: "How nice . . . a fish . . . on a book . . . and how much did you pay the herald for this? I'll read it . . . for the halibut."



St. Lawrence Saint Lawrence was killed by being cooked to death on a griddle. His response to this being his heraldry-"Well done!."



St. Dunstan St Dunstan was heard to proclaim 'How did you know I could speak in tongs?



St. Thomas Becket St. Thomas Becket was heard to cry out "I mitre guessed you guys would Remind me of that horrible 4 knight stay."

Windmasters' Hill Cooks Guild

We had our first meeting on February 25 with great success! For those who are interested, we do have a yahoo group set up: whooks, please feel free to join!

The Windmasters' Hill Cooks Guild is a group dedicated to the love of pre-17th century cooking. We are mainly concerned with being a resource for the local cooks in the area as well as coming together to share good food. Some of our areas of focus will be period recipes/styles/ingredients/equipment, regional cuisines, redacting recipes, research, mentoring new cooks/new head cooks, feast planning/preparation, budgeting, sanitation issues, teas/hospitality, and cooking techniques.

Keep your eye on the Windlore and the Baronial Calendar for more information or join our email list!

Next Meetings:

March 25 at 4:00pm – Guenievre's Clubhouse at Pine Ridge Apartments

Bring your favorite period dish!

Directions: Take your best route to exit 276 (Fayetteville Road) off I-40. You will see a sign that reads, "To Southpoint Mall", turn the opposite direction from the mall. Cross over Hwy 54 and then go through another stoplight. Pine Ridge Apartments is on the right, turn right onto Monterrey Creek Drive. Take your first left and the clubhouse will be on the left, look for signs that say "leasing office". There are cooking facilities in the clubhouse: stove, oven, microwave, a few electrical outlets but limited counter space.

April 22 at 5:00pm – Charles & Odile's Home - Directions to be announced later Period Potluck meeting.

May 20 after Baronial Meeting – Class/Discussion to be announced later.

"Become a cook! You'll always have a job, because people will always need to eat!" -Hannibal Lecter

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