

The Windlore

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Welcome to the Windlore!



A medieval ancestor of 'Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.' Similar taste in headdresses often skips several generations.

Greetings and welcome to the December 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 Everyone,

As many of you now know, our group is currently looking at some difficult times ahead. But difficult times have a way of showing each of us what we are made of and who we really are. We are aware that many of you have many good questions that you would like to have answered, and we promise that we will get you answers to those questions. Shortly after Un-event we will make a post in the forums and on the keep that brings everyone up to speed on our current situation and our course of action.

While the issues that we face are considerable, we as your baronage are not worried. We are happy to face these hard times shoulder to shoulder because we stand beside giants. Windmasters' is a strong group, built upon a foundation of great men and women. We are the cradle of heroes. Regardless of the obstacles that we face, as long as we face them together we will overcome and Windmasters' will prevail.

We hope to see many of you at Un-event and we are looking forward to sharing the Holidays with you. Please, if you have any questions do not hesitate to speak to us, the Baronial Seneschal, or the Baronial Exchequer. We are all in this together and together we will build and even stronger Barony.

Gaston and Rosalind

OFFICER'S Letters

Chronicler's Quill

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

This Windlore contains some important meeting minutes. Read them, recognize them and ruminate on them. They deal with the future of the Barony.

-In service,
Dunstan LeHeryngmongere



'I want to dance with ewe'

From the Chatelaine's Chair

Greetings unto the Populace from Lady Eibhlin, Chatelaine of Windmaster's Hill

With the cold winds of December gathering over the brow of the Hill, it's time for reflection and thoughts of home and family. For many SCAdians, the Society becomes a second family. They are the ones who muster in force to help us move. They share meals and projects. They watch kids and pets. We live together at events; sharing kitchen and bathroom space with better grace than many of us have ever accorded to our actual siblings. And we express the virtues of family; loyalty, respect and love.

As newcomers to the Society, many of us are drawn to that familial feeling. However, sometimes there is a disconnection between what we witness and what we experience. Rarely is malice to blame. Very few SCA groups go out of their way to actively discourage newcomers from joining. More frequently there is a problem in communication or expectation. Both the newcomer and the group need to be aware of the other's expectations and everyone has to be willing to do a little work. With a little understanding, newcomers can be easily integrated into any group in the SCA.

As the newcomer, you have to be willing to be inquisitive, active and decisive. Newcomers who come in willing to learn do very well. Most people in the SCA love to share what they know. The best way to meet people is to ask them about their interests and activities. Putting your new learning into practice is a good strategy, too. Volunteering to help, attending classes, and participating in events and activities will help you develop your skills as well as your growing friendships. Knowing what you want to do and taking the appropriate steps to make it happen is the formula for long term enjoyment of all the SCA has to offer.

Groups take on a more responsive role. Good groups are welcoming, nurturing and understanding. Experienced members should make a point of greeting newcomers to meetings and events. Keep your newcomers coming back by graciously sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm with them. Don't get discouraged if newcomers drop out; just be willing to welcome them back when they are ready to return.

When you find a place in the family of the SCA, don't forget to go back and help those coming along behind you. The Society grows one member at a time.

Happy Holidays to you and your family!

Letter from the MoL:

Greetings from the new Baronial MoL! I have now been "blessed" by the Kingdom MoL and am officially Windmasters' MoL.

Just a note to those warranted MoL's in our Barony; if you have not attended a MoL class recently, please try to go to the MoL meeting at Unevent or if you cannot make Unevent try to catch an MoL class. There have been several changes recently, especially regarding Youth Combat forms and procedures and it would be a good idea to review those new changes.

Also, if you are interested in becoming a MoL and you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. There are usually MoL classes held at University.

Reasons to become a MoL:

- 1) Front row seats to watch the fighting.
- 2) Get to be part of the fighting (without getting hit or poked).
- 3) Undying gratitude of the fighters who could not get to hit/poke each other without you.
- 4) Get to meet a lot of people.
- 5) Service to the event and your group.
- 6) FUN!

Yours in Service,
Lady Helwynn Ivelchild

Minutes for the Baronial Meeting in November

**Meeting of the Barony of Windmasters'
Hill November 26th, 2007**

**Held at the Regular Kappelenberg
meeting at Chapel of the Cross, Chapel
Hill, North Carolina**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:30
pm by Seneschal Chow. 33 people were
in attendance at the beginning of the
meeting. Approximately 15 more showed
up throughout the meeting.*

Chow started off by apologizing for moving the meeting but stated that serious issues faced the Barony and more time had been needed to understand those issues before a meeting could take place. Currently the Barony has several issues related to financial policies and practices which put the Barony in real danger of being suspended. Currently it is likely that the Barony is going to be placed on Financial probation and at Unevent (December 1st) given a list of things they need to do to fix the problems. If these problems are not fixed in a very timely manner it is likely that the Barony will be suspended. In any case it is fairly certain that the Barony will be placed on financial suspension. Chow encouraged people to talk and ask questions but to act with courtesy and restraint. Fits or outbursts of anger were not appropriate and not constructive. He stated that Maddelena has offered to head up a financial committee to look into current policy and to help re-establish it. He also stated that one of the purposes of the meeting was to discuss how the Barony will solve financial problems such as paying bills and running events if they are on probation.

The Baron stressed that these problems boil down to accounting errors, not malfeasance. He stated a concern that the seneschals, exchequers, marshalls and other officers of the Barony are getting burnt out and that needs to change.

Chow agreed and added that the red tape and beaurocracy involved in being an officer is keeping some people from enjoying 'the neat game' we are a part of.

Makai was asked to stand up. She was there as the North Carolina Regional

Exchequer for the Kingdom of Atlantia. She re stated that there is currently no reason to believe that there has been any intentional wrong-doing in the Barony. Every time there is a change in the office of Baronial exchequer there is supposed to be a review of the Baronial books. This has not been happening in the recent past, but it is now. She has reviewed our books and is working on a review of the books from the last three years. This finished document will be a public record and will be available to anyone who wants to see it. The review of the Accounts of Windmasters' Hill includes many shortcomings. Some of them are as follows;

- Exchequer reports have been late
- Reports have been unsigned
- Event reports have not always been turned in; receipts are missing.
- personal and private funds have been commingled. No money is missing, but the way monies have been handled is not good.
- unreimbursable receipts have been paid out
- membership and warrant of the exchequer are not up to date
- no warranted exchequer since April in the barony
- currently not a single baronial officer is approved to sign off on expense approval
- there is missing documentation
- some money advances have failed to be reconciled within the required 60 days
- financial committee minutes have not been published in the windlore
- money has been put in unused dedicated funds for too long without being freed up
- financial stuff in general has not been published
- no follow up paperwork on donations to the barony by outside agencies
- there was a late notice on payment to the Pennsylvania storage shed.

Makai explained that a Barony under suspension could do nothing. A Barony can only be suspended by the Kingdom Seneschal. A barony under Financial probation could still do things that had nothing to do with money, but any financial transaction had to have direct approval by the kingdom exchequer. The Kingdom exchequer has the authority to put a barony into financial probation.

Makai stated that a proposed action plan will be offered up at Unevent (December 1st) listing all the things the Barony will be expected to fix. Makai's opinion (and her recommendation as regional exchequer) is that the Barony should not be running

events until and unless they have worked through these many issues. Cantons will continue to function as normal.

At this point food was ready and people were hungry, so a 20 minute break was called on for people to grab food. Food was generously provided by Kappelenberg via Guinevre and Beatrice (who were helped by several others)



To err is human, to forgive . . . bovine.

When the meeting reconvened Makai noted as her closing statements that while the Barony had issues it was not the only group that was having financial issues lately. One group has been dissolved and another suspended. She believed that Windmasters was willing and ready to work through the issues and believed that they could.

It was observed by members of the populace at this point that many thanks were due to Makai, who had spent a lot of personal time trying to help identify (and thus help us fix) our financial issues and also to Benefse who had spent many hours trying to get the books back on track.

Valdemar asked to speak and proposed that the cantons gather together and make plans to pool their resources and hold Ymir, with one canton spearheading and the others providing resources.

Makai stated that she could see no problem with this.

Baron Gaston reminded folks that Ymir is not the only event coming up, and that the 'Got Vice' event in June would also likely be one we would need to call in canton help to make possible.

Maddelena, who will be heading up the financial policy discussion group, asked that the current provisional financial policy be posted on the Baronial website and that people read it and send comments to her.

A long and detailed discussion ensued then about when to meet for the 'after Unevent' discussion, for the Canton/ymir discussion, and the next full Baronial meeting. Many relevant points were brought up and the need for a speedy response to the plan we will be presented at Unevent was stressed. After much discussion it was decided that a tactical group of the baronage, seneschals and exchequers will meet after Unevent (on the same day – December 1st) to eat dinner and discuss a plan towards fixing our financial issues and at the same time the canton seneschals could discuss Ymir.

It was also decided that the next Baronial meeting will be at the Nimenfeld meeting place (Milano's pizza in Fuquay-Varina-directions to follow) on December 11th. The entire populace is invited and urged to attend.

It was then stated that we are now just going with the assumption that a canton is going to have to spearhead Ymir with the help of the other cantons. All canton seneschals were urged to go to their meetings (and call an emergency one if you have to) to discuss what each canton can do.

There was some discussion about profit sharing and how money from Ymir would be divided. Some people stressed that the majority, if not all, of Ymir profits should be donated back to the Barony. Others disagreed. This discussion was tabled for later.

Girard brought up the point that IF we are suspended it also means we can't have money incoming. This might make donations impossible (and will affect how Ymir monies are allocated).

Dunstan mentioned that the windlore had been held up to wait for the meeting to take place but that it would be printed and sent out promptly- any submission to the windlore had to be in by noon tomorrow (the 27th of November) or else it would not be in the windlore.

Chow thanked everyone for coming. It was announced that if officers had stuff to report they should send it in to the Windlore.

The meeting was dismissed at 9:25 pm.

While the meeting minutes end here (respectfully submitted by Dunstan LeHeryngmongere), there were several last minute reports by officers sent into me to

be added to the minutes, as there was no time to give reports at the meeting. Here they are:

Chirurgion;

No one died. No new news. I will be attending Unevent. More Chirurgeons and Waterbearers are needed. Please contact me if interested to learn more. That is all.

Lord Andreas de Caunteton

Chatelaine ;

Local Chatelaines and Castellans are reminded to please forward news of demos and newcomers' activities to the Baronial Chatelaine for promotion and inclusion in Kingdom reports.

Lady Eibhlin will be stepping down as Chatelaine for Attilium in December 2007. The group is deciding upon a replacement at this time.

The Canton of Attilium will be holding a demo at the East Regional Branch of the Cumberland County Library System on Saturday, December 8, 2007 from 0900-1400. Local fighter practice has been deferred for this event and all authorized fighters are encouraged to attend and support the demo. Artisans and friendly folks of all types are also welcome to attend (please wear garb) and share your love of the SCA and interest in the middle ages.

Additional information can be found here: <http://www.cumberland.lib.nc.us/Calendar-ForWeb/DecemberCalendarWEB.pdf>

Location information can be found here: <http://www.cumberland.lib.nc.us/Locations/erl/eastregional.htm>

The Baronial Chatelaine is in need of a deputy. Thank you.

Chronicler-

Dunstan tentatively plans on stepping down as Baronial Chronicler at Ymir. Guenievre will most likely be taking over the position.

Rapier Marshall:

We had three fencers show up to the baronial practice at Gunther's this month, one of them new to the area and the other a recently-authorized youth combatant. We all had fun, and appreciated the coaching provided by Their Excellencies.

Practice will resume in the new year.

Also, we've had two new rapier marshals-in-training start up, but the barony and cantons still need more marshals. If you're worried that you're inexperienced or in any other way not qualified, don't be. Please talk to me if you're interested, and thank you!

-Wistric

Buckston on Eno:

The Canton is healthy and busy with many activities on the calendar. Meetings are generally preceded by both Heavy and Rapier fighter practices. The discipline Marshals will post to the list if they are unable to attend. Our meeting schedule for December is as follows:

12/4 Meeting & European Dance

A vote will be held to review and approve Buckston's participation in the Canton hosting of Ymir. All SCA paid members of the Canton are requested to be present.

12/11 Meeting canceled. Please attend the Baronial meeting. (See note of location elsewhere in this newsletter)

12/18 Meeting & European Dance

12/25 Christmas Day – No Meeting

1/1 New Year's Day – No Meeting

In addition to our schedule of weekly activities the Canton is hosting an A&S Workshop open to the whole Barony on Saturday, December 8th. A notice of this event is also in this newsletter.

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.

December

Unevent is scheduled to be in Ramseur, NC on December 1st.

January

12th Night will be held in Salisbury, NC on January 12th

February

Winter University will take place on February 2nd in Franklin, VA

Reidsville, NC will be where the **Tourney of Ymir** is held on February 8-10th.

So, You Think You Can Dance? Or you Want to Learn How? Have we got an event for you!

April 19, 2008

Canton of Buckston-on-Eno

The Canton of Buckston-on-Eno invites you to join us for a day in honor of St. Vitus, the patron saint of dancers. Hone your skills with a selection of classes during the day and then show off your fancy footwork at our evening ball! Dust off your finery and come strut your stuff - on the dance floor or off! For those who may not wish to dance all the day long, we will offer a salon featuring period games. Lady Beatrice Villani will offer a light sideboard feast during the ball so that you may refresh yourselves between dances, and we invite all attendees to contribute to our dessert revel! Visit our web site for more information:

<http://buckston.atlantia.sca.org/stvitus/index.htm>

Buckston A&S Day and Sewing Workshop

Saturday, December 8, 10:00 AM until we decide to go home.

Ah, a chill has arrived in the air (at last! what is with the weather this year?) which means that Twelfth Night is not far away. And coincidentally, Twelfth Night really isn't far away this year, so I suspect a great many of us are already planning to sew that new gown or doublet or hat that we know Santa's elves can't possibly find time to make for us. And for those who already have all the finery a Lord or Lady could desire, perhaps you still wish to add some extra flourishes to the mask you're making for the evening ball?

If you have a project and would like to also have company while you work, we welcome all members of the Barony to an all-day gathering in north Durham. Although no classes are planned at the moment, teachers (or interested students in need of a teacher) are encouraged to speak up to offer or request a class.

We are meeting at the Common House at Eno Commons (overflow participants also welcome at the home of Margaret Wolseley and Giovan Donato). Plenty of tables are available, or floor space, or electrical outlets, or wireless internet -- whatever you happen to need to make progress on your current project. The Common House also has an industrial kitchen, so bring some snacks to share. Cups, plates, and utensils will be provided; microwave, oven, stove, etc. available if needed. Parking is more limited than indoor space, so carpool if possible. Eno Commons is a co-housing community, not a public space, and most people and their cars will be home on Saturday. The location is very child-friendly, as the Common House has a playroom and TV. Just outside is a sandbox, playground, meadow, paved path for biking and scooters, and (across the meadow) a tree house.

Directions:

Ask Google how to find 1 Indigo Creek Trail,

OR take your best route to Guess Road. After you cross the Eno River, turn left at the second light onto Umstead Road. Travel 1.3 miles, then turn left onto South Riverdale Drive. Take the second left onto Hillock Place. When the public street ends, the road becomes Indigo Creek Trail. The building you are seeking, the large one with a bank of mailboxes out front, is around the curve to your left, beside the traffic circle. You may park anywhere, although visitors are encouraged to park on the far side of the traffic circle or parallel park along the road.

RSVPs are appreciated but not required. For more information or to let us know you're coming, contact Margaret Wolseley at 383-3377 (home) or 698-9292 (cell phone -- and phone during the workshop) or challe@alumni.unc.edu.

Canton Seneschals

Canton of Attilium-

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Windmasters' Hill Baronial Calendar for December 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 UNEVENT Ramseur, NC Small meeting To follow
2 Elvegast Practice 1pm (CK)	3 Kappellenberg Meeting 7:30 pm (HK)	4 Buckston Prac (5:00) Meeting (7:30) (JK)	5 Nimenfeld Prac (7pm) (AR)	6 Elv Business 7:30 (SD)	7	8 Buckston A&S Day Christmas Party At Andras' house (910) 677 0495 Attilium Prac (H)(JO) 01:00:00 pm
9 Elvegast Practice 1pm (CK)	10 Kappellenberg Meeting 7:30 pm (HK)	11 Baronial Meeting (at Nimenfeld) Nimenfeld meeting 7:30 pm (BB)	12 Nimenfeld Prac (7pm) (AR)	13 Elv Business Mtg 7:30 (SD) Kberg Ftr (5:30-rapier) (7:30- Heavy) (PM)	14	15 Baronial Fighter Practice 12-4pm Location TBA
16 Elvegast Practice 1pm (CK)	17 Kappellenberg Meeting 7:30 pm (HK) Baronial Meeting (same location)	18 Buckston Prac (5:00) Meeting (7:30) (JK)	19 Nimenfeld Prac (7pm) (AR)	20 Elv Business Mtg 7:30 (SD)	21	22 Attilium Prac (H)(JO) 1pm- Meeting follows
23 STRING THING 2pm-5pm (MD) Elvegast Practice 1pm (CK)	24	25 Happy Holidays!	26	27 Elv Business 7:30 (SD) Kberg Ftr (5:30-rapier) (7:30- Heavy) (PM)	28	29 Attilium Prac (H)(JO) 01:00:00 pm

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PLEASE NOTE: This is a very basic calendar.

A much more detailed one can be found at : <http://sca.housebayard.net/calendar.htm>

String Thing is back!

The monthly meeting of practitioners of all arts de fabrique is back in effect!

December 23rd is the next meeting. Meetings typically go from 2PM to 5PM

Contact Francesca at
471 2727 for details.



'I am too sexy for this newsletter.'

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Directions to get to the

next Baronial Meeting:

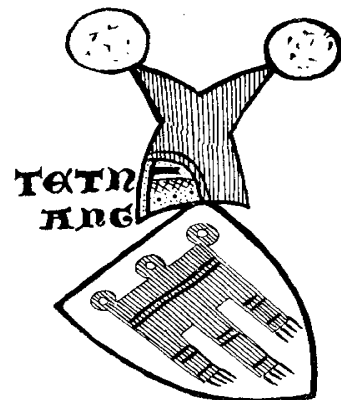
The next Baronial Meeting will be held at the Chapel of the Cross at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, December 11th at Milano's pizza in Fuquay Varina.

This is the normally scheduled Nimenfeld meeting time and place. The

address to Milano's is;

7509 Purfoy Road
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From Raleigh or Durham the simplest way is to take your best route to I-40 going east. Take exit 298 A to Route 401 South. Drive down 401 for 12 miles into Fuquay Varina. Turn left onto Market view lane and then a quick right onto Purfoy. Milano's is behind the Bojangle's on the corner of NC Hwy 401 and Purfoy Road.



Nothing quite like two large fluffy marshmallows on your helmet to strike fear into the hearts of thine enemies, eh?

Tears of a Traveler

By Rhiannon Bloodsong

Oh weary pilgrim of the road, come rest awhile by me;
This Gypsy far from all (s)he loves, would beg a word with thee.
Your path has led you by my home, now tell me if you will,
What news of those I've left behind, on fair Windmasters' Hill?

The days have flown and, with them, passed the sun and wind and rain;
Now snow keeps silent vigil o'er the Kittyhawk's domain.
So cold the world outside her doors, so warm within her hall,
And quiet as the bitter snow, my lonely teardrops fall.

And through your words, again I'll see that memory-hallowed place,
The firelight lends its gentle glow to each beloved face.
A longing grows within my soul, that none can take away;
Their voices echo 'cross the years, that led my steps astray.

But twilight creeps upon the road, and you must travel on,
While I remain a little while, to dream my dreams alone;
And when I find a place to rest, and all is dark and still,
My heart shall make the journey home, to fair Windmasters' Hill!

About ***Tears of a Traveler***, by the Author, Rhiannon Bloodsong:

The morning after Ymir in 1986, a group of friends and I were sitting around a table at the Waffle House in Atillium, talking about an idea we'd hatched up: we wanted to form a Romany Gypsy household! Among those Windmasters present at that first meeting were Lord Calgaich MacPhee, Mistress Hillary Fairehaven, Lady Ceridwen ferch Owain, C. J. Nash (I can't remember her SCA name at the time, but she mostly went by her Gypsy name of Pasquella Vitae after that day anyway), Ravyn Blackstorm and I. A few months later, at that year's Assessment Battle, the household of Covo Rom held a Gypsy wedding for Ravyn and me, followed by Ravyn being officially made Sher-ingro (tribal leader). Later that year, we formed a rather colorful procession into court, complete with tambourines and banners, to formally ask permission of Their Majesties for our tribe to travel freely within the borders of Atlantia; this was accomplished with our Sher-ingro speaking the petition completely in the Romany language, while I interpreted his words to Their Majesties. After that, there were Gypsy camps at most Baronial (and quite a few Kingdom) events. Our household worked hard to become a source of information about the Romany in Medieval Europe, performing at events, displaying our crafts at demos, and even teaching a multi-subject class in a "Gypsy camp" set up outside on the lawn during an University held at NCSU. And always, there was the music, for the soul of the Gypsy is in the song. Tears of the Traveler was written for the Barony that had accepted us so readily and embraced this new Society culture.

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**Ymir is imminent
and immense is this giant
who plots and who plans
to play with our dreams;
through wintry weather,
and wily deceptions;
through problems with process
and probation pending.
Cancel? We call out . . .
It cannot be so!
For Ymir is imminent.
Imagine naught else.**

**Ymir is imminent
and immense is this giant
who bids us do battle
at Betsy Jeff Penn.
As comrades the Cantons
hear call and make answer
A Barony bends;
its back shall not break.
For where there is will
there is Windmasters.
Ymir is imminent.
Imagine naught else.**

Hear this and pay heed, oh people of Windmasters'
Hill and all of its glorious cantons and citizens!

Join us on the weekend of February 8th-10th

for the **Tourney of Ymir.**

Come out and support your Barony, your Cantons, and your fellow citizens. This event is the premier tourney of the fighting season and has something for just about everyone.

Site: Betsy Jeff Penn 7 H Center. 804 Cedar Lane, Reidsville, NC 27320

Site Restrictions: Pets on leash only, fires in fire circles only.

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