

Spearpoint

Barony of Red Spears

March 2021, A.S. LV

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OYEZ! OYEZ! Missives and Meeting Notes

Greetings Red Spears,

Spring is starting to peak its head up here and there and winter is starting to move behind us. With that, usually preparation for camping season beings in earnest. Despite the SCA shutdown, we highly encourage you all to get those tents out of storage and let them air out, go through all of your camping gear and identify what is damaged and bad. It is looking more and more likely that we will have an event season during the late summer and early fall so why not get your camping gear ready now.

For clarity's sake, the SCA and the Middle Kingdom are still shut down till the end of May. As of right now there are no plans for that to change and we will gladly let people know if we hear anything different. We all miss the gatherings and events and want to get back to them as soon as possible but this cannot be rushed, for the protection of our entire populace.

The groups are doing lots of wonderful things in the meantime and our amazing Chronicler is on top of posting awesome events going on around the eSCA. Catch a class, start training exercises, pick out a new project, or even just take care of your gear. All of these things will help you start to feel more connected and ready when we can start doing in-person activities again.

Lastly, on a person level, thank you all so much for the help provided during Zoe's recent (and ongoing trails). The amazing amount of people who helped put up flyers and look for her while she was gone really meant the world to us. The people who provided emotional support were much needed as well. Our dogs mean the world to us and losing one was devastating. You all are amazing and we love you to the bottom of our hearts.

Proconsul Marcos and Proconsula Bianca,

Baron and Baroness of Red Spears

BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Seneschal Veoreos Miklos opened the Baronial Meeting 3:12 pm, 2/20/2021 Roll Call of Officers Present: Seneschal, Deputy Seneschal, Exchequer, Chronicler, Web Minister, Rapier Marshall, Canton Seneschals

Seneschal

Deputy Seneschal is still unofficial since Arina's paperwork is still in progress. Pelegrina is stepping out of the Youth position. Corky is stepping out of the MoAS. If you are interested in the required position of MoAS, or other open positions, contact the seneschal.

Rapier Marshall

Nothing going on during lockdown.

Chronicler

The newsletter will be keeping the same format for another month or two. If anyone has been taking on-line classes, add them to your transcript on the Services Portal before March for the March graduation. If anyone has items for the newsletter contact the chronicler. Catteden is hosting a class tomorrow night.

Exchequer

No changes from last month. Account balance as of 12/31/2020 was \$8149.90 with the following line items: General Fund \$3243.52, Baronial Cook's Guild \$36.96, Children's Fund \$125.50, and account balance from Catteden \$4,761.45. The former Caton of Catteden monies will be held in reserve for the future re-formed group for one year from the time SCA resumes official in-person activity. Aiden is progressing in the steps to become deputy exchequer. Motion that the monies spent in closing and transferring the Catteden account (approximately \$60) be deducted from the monies returned to the group. Unanimous approval.

Web Minister

The website is up to date. The OP is working, and only missing the most recent awards. The Cantons information is up to date.

Fjord Seneschal

The Fjord has been doing a lot of classes during Tuesday meetings, and a list of upcoming classes is posted on Facebook, Discord and the webpage. The application was submitted for decorating the Manor House again this year. The group is in contact with Olander Park System discussing doing gift/craft bags for the park system. Home projects a few people in the Fjord are working on include craft share kits, a kit to hand out during meeting for anyone who wants to try their hand at a new craft. This is an idea from a previous invited presentation to the canton and was part of Vincent de Vere's Five Stages of Recruitment.

Marshes Seneschal

Seneschal paperwork is still in progress. Justin is stepping up, and already knows the people at the new in-person site. Currently meetings are happening Thursdays on the baronial Discord.

Seneschal's note for absent Marshals and other officers: We're still on lockdown, so no official in-person anything. Do what you can to stay in shape and stay motivated.

Chatelaine – Nothing urgent
Herald - This position is still open
Heavy Marshal – not present
Archery Marshal - not present
Thrown Marshal - not present
MOAS – not present
Youth – not present

Date for next baronial meeting: March 20th, 3pm

3:30 pm meeting adjourned

General announcements:

- Next baronial court will be in April or May so recommendations are needed now to give the scribes time.
- Consider adding an SMO (social media officer); Bianca and Phaedra have held this position if
 anyone has any questions. Seneschal will ask Konrad about how he wants to proceed with SMO
 and the official baronial Facebook page.
- Still in a holding pattern regarding re-opening: There is no official information but expectations are for soft-openings by June/July not official events, but something smaller.
- If you received an award during the last 2 baronial courts, and did not send your address to Angelique, Baronial Signet, please do so soon so those scrolls can get in the mail. For your security, email your address to: signet@redspears.org

Gatherings and Whatnots Baronial Calendar

Covid plague pandemic protocols are still in effect. Official in-person meetings, events, and fighter practices are suspended until June 1, 2021. That is not to say that nothing is going on through virtual means on various platforms, hence the title of this column: "whatnot" (n.) an item not identified but similar to the item already named.

Check the Baronial webpage (https://redspears.midrealm.org/calendar/) for on-line meeting log in details:



The Barony of Red Spears (NW Ohio)

Next Baronial Zoom Meeting: March 20th, 3pm



The Canton of Hrothgeirsfjordr (Toledo)

8 pm Tuesdays – Fjordr's Zoom Meeting

Meeting and Class Schedule: 3/2/21: Business Meeting

3/9/21: Introduction to Midrealm army command - Sir Thorin Eikskjald,

Midrealm General

3/16/21: Beginner's guide to making coins - Baroness Bianca

3/23/21: Games and Social (Among Us, and others)

3/30/21: Brewing 101 - Capt. Sivrid

The Canton of Marche of the Marshes (Bowling Green)

8pm Thursdays – Marche's of the Marshes – **MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE ON THE BARONY DISCORD, Marche's Channel**

The proto-Canton of Catteden (Findlay region) is hosting classes and informal meetand-greets this Spring; contact TH Isibel Mhic Leoid at <u>losobail {at} redspears.org</u> for details. Catteden hosted a **February** zoom-class on Basic Heraldry 101 by Master Brian O'hUilliam, currently from Ansteorra. Link to handout: https://docs.google.com/.../1VRL.../edit... RSVPs are requested for the **March** Catteden zoom class to confirm attendance and allow time for preparations. Master Galefridus and Mistress Judith of the East Kingdom will be hosting a full Seder supper as it would have been 800 years ago and discussing the differences in the celebration from then to now. Recipes will be posted beforehand so if you'd like to prepare your own meal with them you can! This will be their actual Seder meal and they are allowing it to be done differently. Send RSVP to <u>losobail {at} redspears.org</u> and include your email in order to receive the recipes and link to the platform which has not yet been decided, but will likely be Zoom. Date: March 28

Time 7 pm eastern to around 9 pm

Midrealm Calendar of Courts and Events

The Midrealm Calendar with scheduled virtual events and Ethereal Courts can be found through the Services Portal https://services.midrealm.org. Log in to the portal to see the updated calendar; the webpage calendar is not up to date. All Courts are at 2 pm CST / 3 pm EST and broadcast live via Kingdom YouTube Channel unless otherwise noted, and posted for later viewing.

Scheduled Courts	Virtual Events	Event Date(s)
March 13, 2021		
April 10, 2021		
	VIRTUAL It Takes My Child to	April 24, 2021
	Raze a Village XII	
May 8, 2021		
	Visions of Future Past-Virtual	May 1, 2021
	The First Bardic War	May 15-23, 2021

Society Notes

The Resolution to Suspend In-Person SCA Activity has been extended to May 31, 2021. Please read the update here: https://www.sca.org/news/resolution-to-suspend-in-person-sca-activity-updated-december-4-2020/. Additional announcements are listed below with imbedded links.



Kingdom Dance-offs, Director's Meetings, and other official videos can be found on the SCA - Society For Creative Anachronism YouTube channel here: https://youtu.be/YXltzDCbzRA

Call For Applicants: Corporate Communications Officer - SCA Inc. is seeking applicants for Corporate Communications Officer, a 3-year warranted term of service. Click for more information: https://www.sca.org/news/call-for-applicants-corporate-communications-officer/

The January 2021 President's Report is now available for review. Please click on this link for more information. https://www.sca.org/news/january-2021-presidents-report-now-available/

People on the Move - Announcing the upcoming retirements of Renee Signorotti and Theresa Anderson. Click for more information. Applications are being accepted for Vice President for Corporate Operations and Members Services, for more information: https://www.sca.org/news/people-on-the-move-corporate-office-upcoming-retirements/

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to sca-comments@lists.sca.org or mailed: SCA Inc.

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Challenges: Have you seen this hashtag?

#15forSCA

For each 30 days completed (does not have to be consecutive) of 15 minutes a day doing something SCA to get ready for when we are able to meet again in person, you will earn a war pay token against the Plague. Use the hashtag #15forSCA to show what you are doing today! To help remember what you did, try keeping track of days by putting notes or items in a jar. Everything counts: projects, exercise, social media, research, and so on. Note: You don't need to hashtag everything.

#ProjectHope

The challenge began December 21st 2020 - the first day of winter - and **ends March 20th 2021** - the first day of spring. Please submit works or questions to hillastormbringer@gmail.com. Please feel free to share. #ProjectHope

The Marshals' Corner

Martials take note: Once we are back to having in person meetings and practices, you must be a paid member to retain your martial warrant. Warrants will not expire while we are not having in-person events.

Everyone should take a look at the Revised Society Marshal's Handbook as there are a few changes. It can be found here: https://sca.org/officers/marshal/docs/marshal_handbook.pdf

The updated Rapier Rules are here: https://library.midrealm.org/marshal/rapier/#

The Midrealm document library is slowly getting repopulated after the server changeover. Forms and documents are posted here: https://library.midrealm.org/marshal/

Practices, Kit Repair and Upgrade: Spring is a great time to read up on the rules and do kit repair! Take advantage of the conditioning and training tutorials that have been posted by many experienced SCA trainers while we wait for re-opening news in the Spring.

Equestrian: If you are interested in helping with or participating in equestrian events, the basic rules are here: https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/equestrian_handbook.pdf

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eTips For Distanced Gatherings

SCA members are active across many forms of social media. Which of the social media experiments this past year have helped you keep connected with the SCA community? What worked for you? Where are you looking for conversations on how re-opening might work?

If you have found someone to have been particularly outstanding during the past year, write an award recommendation. For Midrealmers there is an award rec form and award descriptions found through the Services Portal. For other kingdoms if you are not familiar with their awards structure, a message to the crown is often sufficient.

Scrolling for Crumbs: Research Tips for the Current Times

A lot of great links get posted to social media, if there are any that you find or think you want to find again, send them to chronicler@redspears.org before they are lost in the vastness of the ether.

If you are doing a deep dive into a research topic, <u>scholar.google.com</u> is a google search engine for peer reviewed articles, case law, patents, and links to citations and other related articles. Paywalled articles may still be paywalled; publishers' terms and conditions still apply.

Many history and cultural topics are finding a home in social media. What are your favorite SCA related podcasts, channels or subscriptions?

Behold!A tour stop on the highlights of the Virtual Known World

Disruption of our usual event and meeting schedule accelerated the development of our 21st century infrastructure. This column hopes to provide a tour of the Known World while we await news that the muddy roads of Spring have dried and the next tournament season can begin. Join the virtual bus tour as we explore the wonders and etiquettes of our virtual Fall and Winter landscape.

This is by no means an exhaustive list and being listed here is not an endorsement of anything. As with all social media parental supervision is advised. Times, dates, and connection info may have changed without notice. Etiquette across the Known World, and the wide web, is subtle and varied. Be alert! Please gather all your belongings before stepping off the bus, and have your mute button handy.

This issue's featured virtual tour stop: Spring is Around the Corner

Classes, Discussions, and Practice Spaces:

Royal University of the Midrealm (RUM)

If you wish to take or teach a future class, the site link changed with the server changeover at the beginning of the year. You will need to log in to the Midrealm Service Portal at https://midrealm.org to access the Services Portal, which will get you to RUM transcripts, award recommendations, and other services. A new RUM user's guide to the updated forms on the Services portal can be found through the Midrealm Document Library: https://library.midrealm.org/kmoas/

March is the last eRUM month with the current format. A one-day event is in the works for June. Watch the Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/royaluniversityofthemidrealm or Google Calendar https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed for class event reminders for the live events. Recorded classes are posted to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyPzZuaj1u2KSL67wWgLvXA and also count for RUM credit. A graduation is planned for the end of March. Please have any transcript data in by the end of March 24, and anything added to transcripts after that will apply to the next graduation tentatively planned for October.

Announcements and Discussions:

Known World Entertainment Guide (KWEG)

This is an official page dedicated to providing a weekly directory of online medieval content from across the Known World of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Content shared on this site has agreed to comply with the Society's Social Media Policy.

https://www.facebook.com/KWEGuide

Not on Facebook? Most of the KWEG content can be accessed via google docs:

If you want to check out the full line up check here: https://tinyurl.com/KWEGSpreadSheet

The google calendar view: http://research.fibergeek.com/virtual-sca-calendar/

Have questions about KWEG? Check out the FAQ here: https://tinyurl.com/KWEGFAQ

Have content to submit, you can do that here: https://tinyurl.com/KWEGContentSubmission

Want view a higher resolution version of the weekly image schedule? You can find those hosted at the Demi-Sun Digest website here: https://tinyurl.com/KWEGwebsite

Classes, Episodes, Recorded Material

This is a sampling of on-line content for SCA audiences:

Enhancing the SCA Game

SCA Coaches Corner

Now that spring is nearly here, this resource for getting back in shape is not just for rattan fighters. The training library Brannos, Sadb and others have assembled and posted to the private

Facebook group SCA Coaches Corner is a remarkable, sortable spreadsheet with more than 400 exercises and demonstrations categorized by trainer, weapon style, technique category (footwork, pell, etc) with links to videos for most of them. They range from physical training, to techniques to mental mindset and motivation.

If you want to learn from some of the best coaches in and outside of the SCA, this is a great place to start. With 3 months until the current suspension of activities expires (and admittedly not knowing how soon things will spin up after that), there is plenty of time to start working through some of these. The SCA Coaches Corner podcast episodes can be found on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8hEF1WB4_RK6_tw1oUkrbA/videos

All Aboard!

Spring is in the air, but we are still a few months or more away from in-person events. What are you doing to stay active? If you have a favorite go-to site, let the Chronicler know before it is lost to the vagaries of social media! Attend the local cantons' meetings to let them know how you are and see how your neighbors are doing.

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