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# Barony of Thescorre Business Meeting Notes

from July 18, 2017

By Mistress Matilda Bosvyle

**Seneschal:** The SCA Board of Directors has issued a new Harassment and Bullying Policy which may be found on the SCA.org web page: <http://socsen.sca.org/the-sca-harrassment-and-bullying-policy/>

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The following statement must be posted at gate/troll at every SCA event in a size large enough for people to see it as they enter our events.

#### XXIV. SOCIETY SENESCHAL POLICIES & INTERPRETATIONS

##### 4. Harassment and Bullying

The SCA prohibits harassment and bullying of all individuals and groups.

Harassment and bullying includes, but is not limited to the following:

offensive or lewd verbal comments directed to an individual;

the display of explicit images (drawn or photographic) depicting an individual in an inappropriate manner;

photographing or recording individuals inappropriately to abuse or harass the individual;

inappropriate physical contact; unwelcome sexual attention; or retaliation for reporting harassment and/or bullying.

Participants violating these rules are subject to appropriate sanctions. If an individual feels subjected to harassment, bullying or retaliation, they should contact a seneschal, President of the SCA, or the Kingdom's Board Ombudsman. If a participant of the SCA becomes aware that someone is being harassed or bullied, they have a responsibility pursuant to the SCA Code of Conduct to come forward and report this behavior to a seneschal, President of the SCA or Kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

The following statement must be posted at gate/troll at every SCA event in a size large enough for people to see it as they enter our events. This language must likewise be quoted in ALL site handouts at every event a site where a handout is made available.

**THE SCA PROHIBITS HARASSMENT AND BULLYING OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS.**

Participants engaging in this behavior are subject to appropriate sanctions.

If you are subjected to harassment, bullying or retaliation, or if you become aware of anyone being harassed or bullied, contact a seneschal, President of the SCA, or your Kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

Per the Society Seneschal July 17, 2017

No Social Meeting will be held in August, as many will be away at Pennsic. There are a couple Pennsic Pity Parties be planned for those staying home.

Baroness Sadira has announced her intention to step down next Pax; nominations for Baronial elections will open with the October social meeting.

Event Bids are due for College of Three Ravens. Ellen discussed some ideas of changes that could be made to reduce overcrowding if we go back to Western Presbyterian: limit the event to a theme or Colligium topic, limit # of classes and have a deadline for teacher registration, set a limit for number of attendees. She is looking into possible new sites.

**Exchequer:**

Checking account: \$ 4979.06 Savings: \$ 3905.64

Second quart reports have been filed, the group has had in come of \$1785.16 so far this year with one more event on the calendar.

**Post Event Wrap up:**

Pax Interruptus at Genesee Country Campground July 7-9th Event Steward Marguerite de Neufchateau, -lost and found has been returned, Joe and Edie are happy with us and can't wait for next year! Would be a good idea to plan on roping off the golf hole green by the battlefield next year so no one inadvertently drives on it. Reservation Clerk Dubheasa: there were 248 gentles in attendance (230 adults, 11 children), profit \$366.86, Cook: Katja and the Cauldron Bleu Cooks Guild: Marshal in Charge Corbinus DeCuvis : We had a great Pax, I would like to thank all Marshals who came out and helped. I would ask if Sir Athos and Baron Eric please send me a report on thrown weapons and fencing so I may complete the end of event report form to submit to Kingdome. I will be contacting THL Rendell from the Hael for his report, and I covered heavy so I already have my information needed. Once again thank you to all the marshals who helped and covered the ranges/fields so others could play.

**Next Event Update:**

Njal Saga at 4H Camp in Bristol October 14-15; Event Steward Orianna : Performance should run 10:30a -7pm, about half the cast participated in a first read through, discussed hall layout, but the set designer has not been in contact yet. Planning a site visit tomorrow with the cook. Sadira has agreed to do breakfast for the overnight guests. Fridrikr, Tollner -21 reservations so far, get yours in soon because after Pennsic it is certain to fill up quickly. Cook: Nezah

**Officer Reports:**

Heavy Weapons practice Thursdays at Highland Park, had a first practice at the new Flint Street Hall, determined that sound absorbing material would be a good idea.

Fencing happens on Mondays also at Adams Street /Highland Park also on Thursdays with Heavy Weapon The fencers requested \$130 to purchase a new XL ghost jacket –Barony voted approval.

Archery:Corbin held first Sunday practices at the Castle, will post practice times. Genevote is now an archery marshal at large.

Thrown Weapons Practice on Sundays at Athos's, conditional on his work schedule. New throwers were at the last practice.

### **Persuivant:**

The Pax Court Report is in progress, Elzbieta will stepping down from office January 1<sup>st</sup>, interested parties should approach her with any questions regarding the duties of the office. She will not be attending Pennsic, if someone is available to act as herald for Her Excellency, please see Sadira.

### **Arts & Science:**

**Events:** Pax Interruptus (attended) Many-Heads Cooks Meal prepared by our own Cauldron Bleu Cooks Guild was tasty and well received. An online menu book is available on their Facebook page that includes recipes, redactions, and nutritional information. Introduction to Scribal Class held by THL Eleanore Godwin A Scribal Journey to a Medieval Monastery (Abbey of the Genesee)- Hosted by Lady Mairghread Stoibheard Inghean ui Choinne. A peaceful afternoon and recommended to all. Several scrolls presented in court that were illuminated and calligraphed by members of our Barony.

**Meetings Held :**Threadworkers Guild had two project days on July 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Many Pennsic projects were accomplished. Cauldron Bleu Cooks Guild held endless prep days for Pax. Scriptorium had a potluck dinner/work day at the Summer home of Lady Mairghread

**Pennsic!** Many A&S classes available for those attending Pennsic. A&S display Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm in the Great Hall (across from the European Dance Tent). For those NOT attending Pennsic there are two Pennsic Pity Parties being held- Unofficial Pennsic Pity Party on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in Nunda, NY; The New and Improved Angel's Keep Ump-teenth Annual Pity Party: Now Including Fencing on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm in Auburn, NY. Details for these parties are available on Facebook.

### **Gold Key:**

There were no requests for garb or feast gear for Pax.

Marguerite donated two bags of much-needed garb for men, thank you!!

### **Cooks Guild:**

Head Cooks Eldjarn, Talia, Dubheasa, Lasairfhiona (Lush-ah-reena), Branwyn, and

Cairstiana (keersh-tee-anna) each had cooking sessions at Katja's house during the two weeks before Pax to prepare dishes for the lunch, and most helped with the actual bagging and serving at Pax. Other gentles who helped significantly with the lunch were Meghan, Tigernach, Dru-silla, Amber, Ragna, Bryn, Elzbieta, Andy, and Dylan. Vivant!!!!

August session will likely be a discussion of learnings from Pennsic.

**Dance & Drum:**

Michelle hosted the June session, with Carlo & Juliana in attendance.

The July session is likely to be canceled next Monday due to Pennsic prep.

The August session location will be announced.

**Chatelaine:**

Sept 17 is Palmyra Canal Days Parade –no participation interest from Barony present. Marguerite has some interesting ideas she plans to try out, such as making Quest Books for newcomers to encourage them to get to know us. Collect extra feast gear/bowls to gift to newcomers (donations kept separate from regular Gold Key items).

**Web Minister:**

In the process of changing over the old site (windows) to the new one (Linux) the email forward is not working, but Genevote has a temporary work around until the new site is up and running. Please send Genevote updates on practices for the website calendar.

**Baroness Sadira:**

Mom is coming to Pennsic for a few days Fri-Sunday, Sadira will be off site driving to get and return her on Thursday and Monday. War favors are available, see her if you'd like one. Let her know if there is a Marshal activity you would like her to be at and represent the Barony. Her Excellency will be processing with AEthelmearc to Opening Ceremonies on Sunday 6p, and Kingdom Court Tuesday 5pm. Meet up in Royal camp if you would like to join in.

Thescorre will be guarding the Kingdom Gate on Monday (war week) August 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be covering 9am-2pm, 5-10 volunteers are needed to serve in 1 hour shifts (sitting is allowed).

Barony Pot Luck and Court: Monday (war week) Aug 2nd 6pm 'til the cookies are gone.

**Barony of Thescorre**  
**Business Meeting Notes**  
**from August 15, 2017**  
**By Mistress Matilda Bosvyle**

**Seneschal:** Nominations for the Baronial Election will open at the October Social Meeting October 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have questions regarding the election process, please refer to the Barony Policies and Procedures on the Barony web page under "Literature".

**Exchequer:** Checking : \$5587.56 Savings: \$3905.98

**Next Event Update:**

Njal Saga at 4H Camp in Bristol October 14-15; Event Steward Orianna : rehearsal was held at Pennsic with 11 performers in various states of readiness. Fridrikr, Tollner -37 reservations so far, get yours in soon. Cook: Nezah. Additional update at the September meeting.

**New Event bid:** 3 Bids for College of Three Ravens were presented:

#1 from Lady Elen Wodrose for Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at Western Presbyterian in Palmyra, same as last year with the same cost breakdown as last year site \$750, lunch \$375, feast \$725, planning on 125 attendants with 96 on board, members \$7 + feast \$8, children ½ price. Due to special limitations, proposal would reduce the usual number of classes offered and set a deadline for teacher sign up. Due to Pennsic no cook/staff had committed to the bid.

#2 from Lord Eljarn the Thoughtful for St Paul's Luthern Church and School in Hilton, site \$1000, lunch \$800, feast \$800; planning on 200 attendants with 100 on board, members \$12 off board + \$8 feast, children ½ price. Cook: Lasairfhiona (Vicki Presler) with lunch by Ragna (Kayla Priest) mentored by Baroness Katja; Dean of classes: Nicole du Marais (Nikki Fink Kellogg); Tollner: Dubheasa (Pam Scholl). Site is very large, all on 1 floor: Kitchen, main hall, gymnasium (sneakers required), 11 class rooms, quiet room, 2 conference rooms, 6 restrooms, 2 locker rooms, 3 parking areas with 131-200 spaces (sanctuary not available due to Saturday evening services). Site is dry with no open flames. Side note: There are several large fields alongside the building that could accommodate a Crown Tournament list and also allow archery and thrown weapons ranges.

#3 also from Elen for Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church in Honeoye Falls. Site cost undetermined, estimated at \$750 with other same costs as #1 above. Larger hall and kitchen than #1, 7 class rooms (5 tracks + changing rooms), sanctuary, site is dry. All parking is on street only.

The Barony members present voted to accept bid #2.

Much appreciation to Elen for the work she did putting together other options.

**Officer Reports:**

Heavy Weapons practice Thursdays at Highland Park, Flint Street Hall in inclement weather.

Fencing happens on Mondays also at Adams Street /Highland Park also on Thursdays with Heavy Weapon The \$130 to purchase a new XL ghost jacket turned out to be a \$40 Pennsic bargain in carnary yellow.

Archery:Corbin- Pennsic is done and over with so practices will be starting back up as of the 20th at the Castle. Practice time is 11am to 2pm on Sundays. Tell all the cool kids people are doing Archery we have loaner gear available. 2-3 people have been attending practices routinely. I will be talking with Duke Khalek this weekend about the indoor archery range near his house, information will hopefully be available at next business meeting.

Thrown Weapons Practice on Sundays at Athos's, conditional on his work schedule.

**Arts & Science:** Scrolls were made and awarded at Pennsic, pity party was had for those who could not attend the war. The Barony's paper goods need to be replaced along with a new water tight bin to contain it. Barony approved \$45 plus and additional \$20 for a thumbdrive for the A&S minister files. Isabel would like to get the ball rolling on an updated Domesday which might be available online or by private downloadable file (further discussion/ideas welcome)

**Chronicler:** Aug/Sept will be a combined issue

**Web Minister:** Thescorre has 3 domain names, 2 (SCA Rochester dot org and dot com) which we do not use but are coming up for renewal soon at \$35/year (combined) –the Barony agreed we should drop those. Our main domain Thescorre dot org was paid in May and our server hosting is paid up through 2019. Genevote spoke with the kingdom web minister, we could get free hosting on the kingdom server for free, unsure if we could get a refund on what we've already paid. Idea to be revisited next year.

**Baroness Sadira:** the Barony Camp at Pennsic was small but did not sink! We had a lathe in camp with impromptu classes and demonstrations, the resulting stools made were gifted to Their Royal Majesties. War Favors are still available to any who did not get one, Her Excellency has special favors for those who fought or fenced. Her Excellency and Champions will be going to the 7 Pearls event, but she will not be at Coronation or Crown due to travel considerations.

## Stepping Down Statement From Pax Baroness Sadira bint Wassouf

Unto the Barony of Thescorre, Greetings from Baroness Sadira bint Wassouf. At Pax Interruptus, these were the words I addressed to the populace, the King and Queen and Prince and Princess:

“The time has come, the Walrus said,  
To talk of many things,  
Of shoes and ships and sealing wax,  
Of cabbages and ... Baronies.”

Thirty-one years ago, the Barony of Thescorre voted to elect Saleem and me Baron and Baroness of Thescorre. It was a great honor, for I had *never* been elected to anything else in my life. It was a joy to serve you at that time.

Two years ago, you took a chance on me again. When I stepped up, I said it would be one term. When you asked my limitations to serving, I laughed and replied, “I’m OLD!”

Now, I am old-ER, and the requirements of travel and camping become more difficult. The time has come. I ask you all to search your hearts and make a decision as to who will present themselves next year upon this field to be my successor.

(At this time, Baronial war favors were passed to the people of Thescorre)

Regard these favors. The first year, I gave you raven’s heads to symbolize Bob and to remind you to have fun. And we all went Bob, Bob, Bobbing along to Pennsic.

The second year, to celebrate my “birthday” of 30 years a Baroness of the SCA, I gave you all Raven’s Eggs to recognize things you had already done in service, arts, martial arts, or courtesy to build the Dream we love so well. And what happened? You did *more!* And it was glorious. This year, my daughter, suggested to keep it simple and go back to the beginning, to the colors of Thescorre. The first Thescorre favors were given by Sadira the First (who should be shot) and there were 7 of them, simple white cloth with the colors of Thescorre embroidered upon them. Now, there are at least 120.

If you look at your favor, you will see the colors: black, blue, white and gold. But notice that the white is a pearl, and that is intentional. Our good King and Queen have asked us to give pearls signifying the sparks of joy that have kept us coming back to the SCA. In dark and desperate times, it was all of you who lifted me up, who gave me back my purpose, and saved my life. I can never, ever thank you all enough. YOU are the pearls, You are the joy that keeps me going. Your Majesties, Your Highnesses: Behold the Pearls of the Barony of Thescorre!



## Class at Pax Interruptus: A Scribal Journey to a Medieval Monastery

By THL Mairghread Stoibheard inghean ui Choinne

### Introduction

A solemn large bell tolls the monks, dressed in clothing unchanged since the 11<sup>th</sup> century, in from the wheat and rye fields to the handcrafted field stone abbey church. The monastery is called the Abbey of the Genesee, home to the famous “Monk’s Bread” bakery and is located in somewhat of a time warp on a beautiful hilltop above the Genesee River a mere 14 miles from the event site for Pax Interruptus in the Barony of Thescorre.

Gemlike windows of colored glass, icons in the Russian period style, and libraries with an assortment of references on iconography, calligraphy and illumination are a few of the aspects of the monastery eagerly observed by a group of seven gentles attending Pax Interruptus on July 8, A.S. 52.

<http://www.geneseeabbey.org/abbey-stores/>



### Schedule

The schedule for the excursion led by THL Mairghread Stoibheard inghean ui Choinne included:

10: 40 am (after morning court) Depart for Abbey - meet at cook's tent

11:00 Brother Anthony to give a short talk on the hand sign language still in use at the Abbey for communicating during the “Grand Silence” (omitted due to a later departure)

11:15 Attend Sext (optional) - this is a service where Gregorian Chant is sung by the monks in antiphonal/response mode with the congregation using a psalter that is a copy of hand calligraphed original. The psalter is for sale at the Abbey book store. (omitted due to a later departure)

11:30 View life sized icon in reception room

11:30 Visit gift shop including the book store and calligraphy and illuminations on display and sold there (you can also purchase Monk's Bread made at the Abbey for cost and many other baked goods made at the Abbey and products of various Trappist abbeys as well. (Credit cards and checks are accepted)

12:15 View illuminated heraldry in the narthex, review the use of the psalter, view stained glass, solid limestone altar and additional icon in the Abbey church

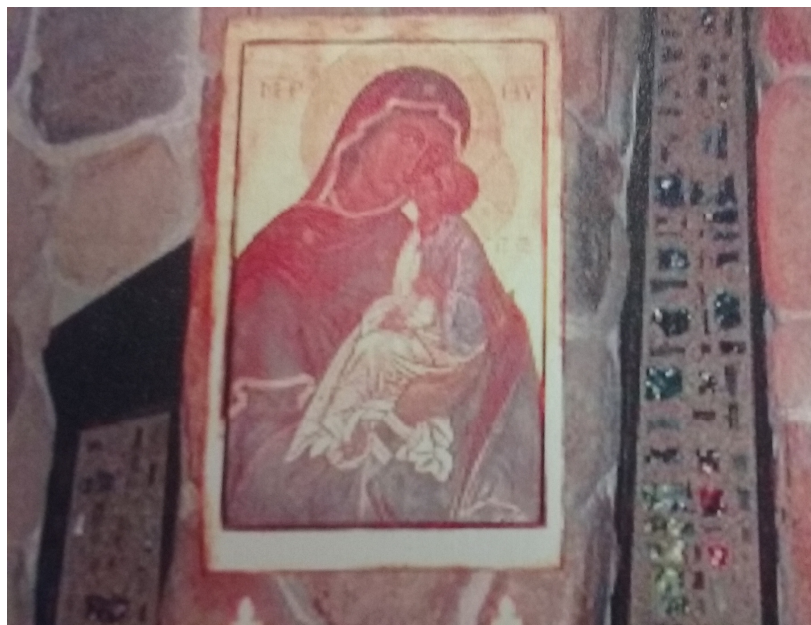
12:30 lunch – Eat in front of the abbey residence wing - by the pond or in the shade.

1:00 View the life size high-quality reproductions of the medieval manuscripts such as “The Crusaders’ Bible” or ”Morgan Picture Bible” or the “Maciejowski Bible” or the “Shah ‘Abbas Bible” at Bethlehem House

Many thanks to the autocrat, Lady Marguerite III de Neufchâtel, and the Cooks’ Co-ordinator, Baroness Katja Davidova Orlova Khazarina, and her staff for preparing lunches ahead for the side trip.

#### **The Icons and Illumination References**

In the reception area, we were greeted by a stunning, larger than life icon of a saint. The abbey has several icons including one in the church near the tabernacle depicting Mary with the infant Jesus comforting her face with his hand. It is in the style of the icon shown below named “The Comfort and Consolation of the Theotokos” from the monastery on Mt. Athos in Greece.



During our last stop at Bethlehem Retreat House in the west library, we were able to view the book “The Treasures of the Monastery of St. Catherine’s” that included many icons and mosaics as well as ornate gold mitres (clerical hats) and chalices.

In addition, there were folios of several life size, very high quality reproductions from the “The Crusaders’ Bible” with faux gold gilding. This bible is also known as the “Morgan Picture Bible” or the “Maciejowski Bible” or the “Shah ‘Abbas Bible”. Several full size folios from “The Book of Kells” were also viewed. The Kells images show how parchment was stitched onto damaged corners to repair certain pages. One of our participants, Mistress Rhiannon y Bwa, explained that these are printers’ samples.

The library includes many historical and some period and primary source references about the monastic movements of St. Bernard and associated art and practices.

### **The Garb or Habit**

It was interesting to observe the garb or “habit” of the porter. The porter is the monk who is permitted to interact with visitors in the reception area since this is a cloistered abbey. The white wool T-Tunic and brown wool tabard with leather belt and sandals are unchanged from the 11<sup>th</sup> century as shown in this painting *Life of St. Bernard of Clairvaux* by Joerg Breu the Elder from 1500 C.B.E.

It is common to see the habits worn by the monks mended with darning. Belts and sandals are apt to be quite worn as the Trappists take a lifelong vow of poverty.



### **The Heraldry**

In the narthex leading to the abbey church, the abbey heraldry hangs on the stone wall accompanied by the following description:

“The abbey is signified by the crozier [at top]. The blue and white Marian [signifying Mary]

colors indicate that the abbey is dedicated to Mary as is the entire Cistercian of the Strict [or Trappist] Order.

In heraldry, a river is symbolized by a wavy silver band. Here it symbolizes the Genesee River Valley where the abbey is located. The golden wavy lines on each side express golden banks, derived from the Seneca Indian name for the Genesee River Valley.

Three Indian arrowheads on the river recall the Seneca Indians who made the Genesee River Valley their home. They call themselves *Tshotinondawage*, people of the mountains. The arrowheads are red to further represent the Seneca Indians and are turned upwards in the militant position to signify defense of their homeland.

Above and below is the crescent, a symbol .....of Our Lady [Mary]..... “

Note that heraldically, a bend from upper left to lower right symbolizes an unmarried male.

### **The Psalter Calligraphy**

The psalter, which is for sale in the shop was copied out by hand at the Abbey. The original was done using India ink with a #2.5 or #3 pen in an unclassified hand, taking four hundred hours over a period of ten months starting in February 1974. It suggests the individual character and is appropriate to the meditative recital in Gregorian Chant of some of the 150 psalms each day in seven different short services (the Divine Office) and underlines the peace and silence the monks seek in prayer.

Meredith Parsons Lillich, Department of Fine Arts, Syracuse University, wrote

“This handsome, austere, Cistercian Psalter was written by one monk over a period of nearly a year. In that time his letter forms gradually and imperceptibly changed, by slight and unconscious refinements. A comparison of his opening pages with his final verses of Psalm 150 would lead a professional paleographer, without hesitation, to attribute the hand to two different scribes. All the rules of the paleographic analysis are broken, since even the most distinctive letters (g, a) have changed in their shapes. The script of this Cistercian Psalter is thus, in itself, a creation which is orderly, disciplined and unified, yet intricate, complex and growing.”

### **Calligraphy, Illumination, Baked Goods and Other Shop Wares**

Many of the gentles of Thescore, Delftwood, and the Hael have eaten “Monk’s Bread” baked at this monastery their entire life. Originally all Monk’s Bread was produced here, but due to expansion, now only locally distributed and on-line sales are baked at the abbey bakery on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. The cost of the bread at the abbey store is reduced by almost 40 percent from grocery store prices. Other Trappist wares are offered including cookies and fruit cakes prepared at the abbey bakery. Micro greens from the cloister garden were also available the day of our visit.

In addition to the extensive book store, illuminations/icons, and calligraphed and illuminated cards and prints of icons are for sale. These artworks were created by a SUNY Geneseo alumni and artist, Minhhang K. Huynh. Minhhang was raised in Vietnam in the Buddhist tradition. She

began studying tempera techniques such as fresco and wood panel and crucifix painting in Sienna, Italy in 1994. Through her work on sacred paintings in the medieval tradition, she became a spiritual student of Rev. Father John Eudes Bamberger, who was abbot of the monastery at the time (He is now one of the handful of brothers who live in hermitages on the west side of River Rd.)



### **The Architecture and Site**

The abbey buildings were begun in 1951 when several monks were sent from the mother-house, Gethsemani (<http://www.monks.org/>), near Louisville, Ky. to establish the foundation on one-thousand acres of land donated to the Order. The buildings are of post and beam construction with walls of fieldstones mined from the land.

Even the stained glass windows are re-purposed glass. The main door faces east as in the tradition in Western and many Eastern monasteries.

Many of the charter members were WWII veterans who sought the solitude of a simpler lifestyle and opportunity to better the world through their works after their harrowing combat experiences. The bread made at the abbey is donated to many local charities. Local hunters can be given permission to hunt on the land on the east side of River Rd. which includes part of the Genesee Greenway trail leading to the Genesee River.

Members of our party observed the simple wooden crosses of the cemetery and heard the peals of the great outdoor bell that tolls the times for “Office” in the cloistered enclosure as cars pulled in and out of the parking lot. Similar to the SCA, the abbey is a blend of the modern and mundane with the charm and authenticity of medieval culture carefully preserved and practiced.

Although this class was not able to get to the abbey in time to hear a talk on the hand sign language still in use at the abbey, or hear the Gregorian chant of a service, there is interest from Delftwood and Thescore in a repeat excursion. Anyone can visit the abbey between 2:00 am and 7:00 pm each day of the year.

Although our group ranged from those reared in the Catholic and various protestant and new age traditions, and agnostics, as well as those who have merely been on a personal spiritual journey, all agreed that we left more peaceful, enriched and inspired.

*All photos by the author or used with permission from the Abbey website except for those in the **The Icons and Illumination References** section which are from the British Museum and the Joerg Brue which is from Getty Art.*



## Event Announcement for Njal Saga

Love! Hate! Feuds! Battles! Fire! The Law! Did I mention feuds? Well, then, FEUDS!  
The greatest of the Sagas of the Icelanders – The Saga of Burnt-Njal – will come to life at the Njals Saga event to be held in the Barony of Thescore the weekend of October 14th, 2017. Storytellers from over 5 kingdoms will present a dramatic retelling of the Saga. If you are interested in participating in the reading, please contact Master Toki Redbeard [njal.director@ilk.org](mailto:njal.director@ilk.org).

The event will take place at the Bristol Hills 4-H Camp, 4437 Kear Rd., Canandaigua NY 14424 (585.394.7838). (<https://www.google.com/maps/place/4437+Kear+Rd,+Canandaigua,+NY+14424/@42.8099653,-77.3783189,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x89d122ccf06c9787:0x505ffcfl3a15b80f18m2!3d42.8099653!4d-77.3761302?hl=en>)

PLEASE NOTE: no alcohol will be permitted. The site is generally handicapped accessible; cabins and bathrooms are not connected and there may rough ground between the parking, hall, and cabins. Limited handicapped parking is available. Any questions or prior requests contact the autocrat.

Site opens Friday, October 13 at 6 PM. Site closes Sunday, October 15th at 12 Noon. The performance will begin approximately 11am on Saturday and run until approximately 8:30pm with breaks.

There will be an all-day sideboard prepared by Baroness Nezah bint Saleem (Mindy DeHollander, [mins469@yahoo.com](mailto:mins469@yahoo.com)). Please contact her about dietary requirements.  
The event steward for Njals Saga is Baroness Orianna Fridrikskona (Orilee Ireland-Delfs, 315-573-6326 [orianna@thescore.org](mailto:orianna@thescore.org)).

Adult Event Registration \$21, Member Discounted Event Registration \$16, Youth aged 5-16 Event Registration \$8. Event registration includes the all-day side board. Note that the event may not be the best for young children to attend; parents need to determine if their child can sit through 6 to 8 hours of intense story telling. No other activities are planned.

On-site Cabin space: \$7.50/night/person. Cabins are available for both Friday and Saturday nights. Each cabin sleeps up to 20 people. PLEASE NOTE: All cabin slots MUST be reserved in advance (limited to 80 each night). Cabin reservation includes a continental breakfast on Saturday & Sunday morning. The cabins contain beds with mattresses and do have electricity.

Registration clerk for the event is Baron Fridrikr Tomasson (Tom Ireland-Delfs, 731 South Main Street, Newark, NY 14513, 315-573-8517 [fridrikr@thescore.org](mailto:fridrikr@thescore.org)). Please make all checks payable to SCA, NY, Inc – Barony of Thescore.

## **Event Announcement For College of Three Ravens**

The Barony of Thescorre welcomes one and all to join us for College of Three Ravens on February 24th, 2018. Our new site, St. Paul's Lutheran School, located at 158 East Avenue, Hilton, NY 14468, opens at 9am and closes for clean-up at 10pm. The school is decidedly handicapped accessible - being all on one level. There is plentiful off-street parking.

In addition to the diverse array of learning opportunities that will be occurring in the copious classrooms, there is a full-size gymnasium for Heavy Fighting & Fencing activities! Volunteers for marshalling duties should speak to the Marshals-in-Charge upon arrival.

For those who wish to teach, contact the Chancellor of Classes, Lady Nicole du Marais - almightyannubis.nb@gmail.com (585) 300-7319.

Adult Member Discount Event Registration is \$12, Adult Event Registration is \$17, Youth (5-17) is \$6. Under 5 is free.

Evening feast is an additional \$8, \$4 for Youth 5-17, and no charge for kids under 5 years old.

Event registration includes a sideboard lunch prepared by Lady Ragna Feilan (Kayla Schultz) under the mentorship of Baroness Katja Davidova Orlova Khazarina. Feast will be prepared by Lady Lasairfhiona inghean Aindriasa (Vicki Presler). Dietary concerns for both meals should be directed to Vicki at ravenheart.vp@gmail.com (607) 382-0690.

Pre-registration is greatly appreciated for meal planning and places at feast table can \*only\* be guaranteed if payment is received by 2/17/2018.

Reservationist is Lady Dubheasa inghean Dubgaill (Pam Scholl) 491 Ogden-Parma Townline Road, Spencerport, NY 14559 - dubheasa01@gmail.com (585) 820-2149. No calls after 9pm, please. Checks are to be made payable to SCA NY Inc - Barony of Thescorre. Please include modern name, SCAdian name and membership status for each person to be covered by your payment. Also, indicate which are minors, and for whom feast reservations are desired. Inclusion of contact info is critical for clarifications.

No alcohol is permitted at the facility. Enclosed flame is allowed. Service animals are welcome (proof of current vaccinations required). Sneakers must be brought (not worn) into the gym by all combatants to help protect the wooden floors. Smoking is only allowed outside, well away from entryways.

For further information or questions, contact the Autocrat: Lord Eldjarn the Thoughtful



(Daniel Clement) 491 Ogden-Parma Townline Road, Spencerport, NY 14559 eldjarn.thoughtful@gmail.com (585) 576-1058. If no answer, leave voicemail.

#### Directions:

Take your best route to NYS Thruway (I-90) - exit onto I-490 towards Rochester.  
Exit onto I-390 northbound for 7.9 miles.  
Use the left lane to take exit 27B onto the Lake Ontario State Parkway westbound.  
In 3.2 miles, take East Manitou Road exit, turning left at end of off ramp.  
In 0.8 miles, turn right onto Frisbee Hill Road.  
In 0.6 miles, turn right onto North Greece Road.  
In 256 feet, turn left onto Frisbee Hill Road.  
Continue straight as Frisbee Hill Road becomes Wilder Road, which in turn becomes East Avenue.  
In a total of 2.9 miles you will arrive at the school (on your right).

Visit the FB Group for C3R 2018 for more postings including photos and other discussion.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/731483210391709/>

## Upcoming Events

### September

#### Shoot in the Wildwood

September 1 @ 5:00 pm - September 4 @ 11:00 am

#### 2nd Annual 7 Pearls Championship Weekend

September 8 @ 12:00 pm - September 10 @ 12:00 pm

#### Scribal Class: Visconti Painting techniques

September 9 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### Summer's End

September 16 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 pm

#### Coronation of Gareth and Juliana

September 16 @ 10:00 am - 8:30 pm

#### Agincourt

September 22 @ 4:00 pm - September 24 @ 3:00 pm

#### Dark Ages Skóla

September 23 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### Harvest Raid 24

September 29 @ 5:00 pm - October 1 @ 11:55 am

#### Archers to the Wald

September 30

#### RoberCon DEMO

September 30 @ 9:00 am - October 1 @ 5:00 pm

**October****We are the Escarbuncle – Celebration of Aethelmearc’s Twentieth Anniversary & Fall Crown Tournament**

October 6 @ 6:00 pm - October 8 @ 3:00 pm

**Curia Regis of Gareth and Juliana**

October 6 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Demo at Apple Butter Festival**

October 7 @ 9:00 am - October 8 @ 5:00 pm

**Scribal Class: Celtic Manuscript Art**

October 8 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Njal Saga**

October 13 @ 6:00 pm - October 15 @ 12:00 pm

**War of the Wings**

October 18 - October 22

**Æthelmearc Heralds and Scribes**

October 21 @ 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Scribal Class: Manuscrit Evangiles pour différentes fêtes**

October 21 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Scribal Class: Anne of Brittany**

October 21 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**DEMO at AuthorCon & Movie-fest**

October 21 @ 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Fractured Fairytales: Hansel and Gretel**

October 21 @ 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Shire of Kings Crossings Birthday B(r)all**

October 28

**Kingdom A&S Championship**

October 28 @ 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

**November****Æthelmearc Fall Æcademy 2017**

November 4 @ 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

**Founder’s Day Celebration at Poste du Fouet Tavern**

November 4 @ 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Fiber, Fabric, & Fighting XV**

November 17 @ 5:00 pm - November 19 @ 12:00 pm

**December****Delftwood Yule**

December 9 @ 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

**Æthelmearc Twelfth Night**

January 6, 2018 @ 10:00 am - 9:00 pm