

FEWMET!

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BARONIAL OFFICERS

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(all officers can be contacted through the Baronial
Webpage (<http://www.thescorre.org>)

Greetings unto the populace of Thescorre,

War Practice is May 19-22. If you have never been to War Practice before, it is a great week-end long event and a great way to get your feet wet before War. This can be both literally and figuratively so remember to pack extra socks. We need to do some sewing as our children have outgrown much of their clothing, although hand-me-downs from Ingrid and Daddy have helped with this dilemma. Sewing warm garb is still on the list though. We are hoping that Thescorre's populace will be inspired to represent the barony in the many activities. From Artisans Row displays to Heavy Fighting, Archery, Fencing, Thrown Weapons, and many classes there is something for everyone.

Our Baronial champions have been vigilant in their duties, but the time is fast approaching for us to seek their successors so they may enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Join us for a day of competition, festivities, and feasting May 27-29. Champion's competitions will be held and our next champions selected in Heavy Fighting, Fencing, Archery, Thrown Weapons, Youth Combat, Art & Sciences and Bardic. The theme is pie as it has been for several years. We are planning our high-protein torte (sounds horrible doesn't it? You DON'T want any of it), and either lamb pie or spam pie. Votes seem to be leaning toward spam pie when people are polled. We encourage all to take part in the competitions, but ask that only those who sincerely desire to be champions to put their names forth as baronial competitors. Champions will be chosen from those competitors who have indicated their desire to serve as champion. A champion should:

- Reside within the barony
- Be willing to process and possibly stand with us during court
- should make an effort to attend the 7 Pearls competition in their field, or if unable to do so inform us so we may secure a substitute
- should represent the Barony with chivalry, courtesy & honor
- should expect to represent the Barony and Aethelmearc in any competitions or conflicts during the time they are champion

We are hoping that many people will join us at this event. We are looking forward to a flurry of competitions. We hope that the day rains with laughter, and that there is a shower of camaraderie and goodwill this day.

In Service,
Barone Aquila and Baroness Bronwyn

Barony business meeting minutes April 19, 2011

Officer reports:

Exchequer - THL Alina: 4290.64 in checking, 3484.07 in savings. First quarter report done. 466.77 in profit for the first quarter mostly from college of 3 Ravens. Tax season is over!

Knight Marshal - Sir Khalek: fight practice continues every Thursday at the Adams Street rec center; more students from the University of Rochester are showing up; attended the regional practice in Geneseo; talk of maybe starting a regular southern practice in Livonia

Thrown Weapons - Lord Sigvaldi: Started throwing again about 2 weeks ago; the butts are now thawed but still a bit squishy; planning on throwing Easter Sunday come on out!

Fencing - Lord Padraig: 3-4 people coming to practice regularly; looking into getting some more heavy rapiers for loaners

Heraldry - Lady Kadlin: still need a deputy; started working on updating the on-line order of precedence; went to Kingdom Heralds & Scribes; received 2 emails and 1 verbal request for consults.

Minister of Lists - Mistress Matilda: Nothing to report except champs is coming and needs to know what the schedule is for the tournaments

Chronicler - Lord Padraig: the Fewmet is happening; cutting and pasting business notes, would like more articles and pictures

Web Minister - Baron Eric: we have a web site; send changes to him please

Minister of Arts & Sciences - Lady Adren: delivered a very long report which has been placed in the Thescorre yahoo groups file. She also handed out a survey to be filled out to note A&S areas that folks might be interested in.

Chatelaine - Countess Branwyn: Demo for the home schooler group was very well attended; ~15 SCAdians, `20-25 kids. Request received for a demo for RIT - full day but at this point there is no available time due to school schedule; plan for Fall. 4-6 new UofR students at fight practice. Boy scout demo the same weekend as War Practice in the Hael—contact Maeve if you are interested in participating.

Seneschal - Baroness Orianna: we are cleaning the Baronial stuff in Stefan's basement on April 30th at 1pm. Upcoming events include the Costumer's potluck and war muster on May 7th, Angel's Keep event on May 7th; Demo in Dansville on July 16th; as well as the usual Baronial event; Reminder that Curia is June - any changes to the Baronial policies need to be brought to the Barony business meeting in May. Went to the regional melee practice in Geneseo - got a copy of the SUNY Geneseo newsletter article on the Geneseo Medieval Club (very nice article).

Their Excellencies Aquila and Bronwyn: went to Coronation, attending the scribal meetings & thrown weapons; His Excellency put on armor! Plan is for War Practice, Baronial Champs, and Pax.

Baronial Champs - Lord Sigvaldi: Nothing has really changed from past years. Tentative menu for lunch has been planned - Kadlin is mentoring the two young ladies. Dinner is bring your own pie of course!

Pax - Mistress Alison: July 8-10, usual place but we are shifting to the back part of the golf course. If it ever dries out, she will get out to the site to check it out. Bryn is planning a lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Baroness Orianna

A Summer Storm

Hlenni jotuns hrönn brim
 hagli strengjar brenna
 mági Ullar mégum
 morðhjols hlamman slamra;
 skýja-grjót skinna
 sáran hoggum markar;
 Húfu tannar Hogna
 hátunnu regns dynja.

The thief of the giants' horn-surf
 hail of the bowstring burns.
 the kin of Ullr's everywhere
 killing wheel's din slams.
 Sky-stones skin
 viciously strike the forests;
 The hat denter of Hogni
 of the high barrel of rains pours

A simplified prose translation would read:

Lightning burns. Thunder slams everywhere. Hail strips tree-bark viciously. Hail from the clouds pours.

Notes:

This verse contains four consecutive, related, independent clauses. It also uses four long involved kennings (see below) in lines 1-2, 3-4, 7; and and shows the convoluted syntax that is common to Old Icelandic *dróttkvætt* poetry.

Kennings used:

Lines 1-2: [*Hlenni jotuns hrönn brim* = the thief of the Giants' {Jotun's} horn-surf > mead > poetry > OÐINN'S] + [*hagli strengjar* = hail of the bowstrings > ARROWS] = LIGHTNING

Lines 3-4: [*mági Ullar* = Ullr's kin > THOR'S] + [*morðhjols* = killing wheel > SHIELD' S] + [*hlamman* = DIN] = THUNDER

Line 5: [*skýja-grjót* = cloud-stones > HAIL]

Lines 5-6: [*markar skinna* = forests' skin > TREE BARK]

Line 7: [*tannar* = the denter of] + *húfu Hogni* > Hogni's cap > helmet] = HAIL

Line 8: [*hátunnu regns* = high barrel of rains > CLOUDS]

A Stamhendr about a Murder

vaktaði teig teig-ýrk
 tyrrin inn myrðir
 drykkja af ýr ýring
 yrmlingr djupa hyrna.
 bregða inn-kvel- kveljar
 kveða við vönd sveinn-plóg;
 drykkju at ragn-steyp steypa
 steina bloði dauð-drukk

watching drink deep the fieldworker
 peevish the murderer;
 drank from drizzle mead
 the little snake deep horn
 drew the torment killer
 greets with wand boy of the plough
 drunkard in rain pouring fell down
 stained-bloody dead-drunk

Prose translation:

The peevish murderer watched the field-worker take a long drink from his wine bag. In the drizzling rain, the little worm drank deep from the mead-horn. The killer drew his torment-wand <SWORD> and greeted the plough-boy. Bewildered, the drunkard fell dead-drunk blood-stained in the pouring rain.

Notes:

This is Stamhendr - a form of drottkvaett using a repeating syllable rhyme (stammering rhyme) in the odd numbered lines. The stammering syllable are in the fourth and fifth positions. Snorri says: "Here in the first and third lines one syllable is repeated and this forms the rhyme, and thus we call this stamhent (stammer-rhymed) because the rhyme produced is like stuttering and the rhymes are positioned in the line like ridhendur (rocking rhymes). (Edda Faulkes 193-194). An example from the Hattatal:

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[Lætr undin brot brotna](#)
[bragningr fyr sér hringa,](#)
[sá tekr fyr men menja](#)
[mætt orð of sik fættir;](#)
[armr kná við blik blikna](#)
[brimlands viðum randa,](#)
[þars hond, at lið liðnar,](#)
[lýslóðar berr glóðir.](#)

lets bestow broken piece be broken
 hero before himself rings
 he receives before necklace necklaces
 meet/proper words because himself ?
 arm does with gleam gleaming
 surf-land tree of shields
 where hand, in/at army armed
 fish bed bare embers

The chieftain makes twisted ring fragments fragment before him <distributes gold>. Because of the necklace this necklace diminisher receives fitting renown about himself. The shield-tree's limb does gleam with the gleam of the surf-land <GOLD> where the hand wears fish-bed-embers <GOLD> with which the arm is armed.

BARONIAL CHAMPS

Greeting one and all,

It is time once again to decide upon champions for their Avian Excellencies. War is approaching and our present champions have done their duties. So come join us as we hold tournaments to showcase the abilities of the populace so that their Excellencies Aquila d'Athos and Bronwyn nic Gregor may choose new gentles to represent them in the coming year.

Competitions will be held for almost all of the championship positions, including Rattan, Fencing, Archery, Thrown Weapons, Arts and Sciences, and Bardic.

A lunch side-board will be provided. The Lunch cooks are Autumn Smith, Victoria Everly, and Ashley Templeton. Please direct any dietary concerns to the autocrat.

Dinner will be a pot-luck with the theme of Pie. That's right, Pie. Bring your pies to share. Sweet, savory, crusted, or crust-less. Some attempt at period pies would be appreciated, but is not required. Please include a recipe card so those who have allergies can avoid if necessary. The Lady Elzbieta Traidenyte will be coordinating pies this year. Please contact her at elzbieta_traidenyte@live.com with any questions, or to let her know what kind of pie you will be bringing.

Following dinner, there will be a Bardic circle around the campfire. Those wishing to become the new bardic champions will be given an opportunity to perform at this time, while others are welcome to participate after the new champions have been chosen.

Site will open at 5 pm on Friday evening, and will close around 1 pm on Sunday. Gentles are welcome to camp out at no additional charge. Camping will either be on the edge of the field or in the woods depending on your preference (and space).

Please be aware that the site does contain insects of the blood sucking variety. Bug spray is strongly recommended, especially for those camping. Also, parking is limited, so please car-pool if able.

If there are any questions or concerns, please direct them to the autocrat, Lord Sigvaldi inn Enski (mka Gabriel Hart) at gavral@hotmail.com. Or he can be reached at (585)455-3857. Calls will not always be answered, but they will be returned. Or you can send mail to 404 Barry Rd, Rochester, NY 14617.

Directions to the site:

From the North: Take 390 South to exit 10 (5&20), go left 3 miles, past "Jack & Jills", turn right on Livonia Center Rd (Rt. 12). Go 5 or 6 miles (bear left coming into speed zone) to Livonia Center. Cross 20A onto Federal Road, go 3.7 miles south, turn left on Harder Road ("Spring Hill Farm" sign), go about a mile to the last house on the road. (When you run out of road, you have arrived.)

From the East: Take 5&20 West to Lima, turn left (S) on 15A about 7 miles through Hemlock, right on Rix Hill, about a mile south of Hemlock, (across North end of Hemlock Lake). Take a sharp left on Blank Road (1.3 miles @ Stop sign), take next left (.6 miles) on Harder Rd.). Go about a mile to the last house on the road. (When you run out of road, you have arrived.)

From the South: Take 390 to Wayland exit, go North for 18 miles on Rt. 15 straight through Springwater (becomes 15A North), turn left on Rix Hill Road (across North end of Hemlock Lake). Take a sharp left on Blank Road (1.3 miles @ Stop sign), take next left (.6 miles) on Harder Rd.). Go about a mile to the last house on the road. (When you run out of road, you have arrived.)

What: Thescorre Baronial Championships

When: May 27th-29th

Where: Barony of Thescorre
Home of Tom and Diane Smith
7069 Harder Rd
Hemlock NY 14466

How Much:

\$6 Adult \$5 for 5-17 Free Under 5

Make checks payable to SCA, Inc. Barony of Thescorre. There will be a \$5 non-member surcharge where applicable.

A LOCAL RESOURCE

Sometimes you just can't afford the gas and site fee to attend as many events as you'd like. Sometimes Baronial and Guild meetings, and fight practices, just aren't enough to get you through the week. What else, outside of SCA activities, does Rochester offer to satisfy Thescorrians' anachrony needs? FEWMET investigates...

First up is Musica Spei. Musica Spei is a local choral group who specialize in European sacred music from 1000 to the early 1600s.

I attended Musica Spei's Good Friday performance, 'Man of Sorrows', at the Church of St. Anne. There is something about a live performance -- the rustle and occasional cough from the crowd. I close my eyes and listen.

One pleasant thing about Musica Spei is they do provide documentation, so you get a nice handout to take home -- with information about & translations of the chants. For 'Man of Sorrows' Musica Spei sang two versions of *In manus tuas* (a traditional version and Tallis's composition), Gesualdo's *Tristis est anima mea*, Mouton's *Peccantem me quotidie*, the traditional Catholic chant *Stabat mater*, Vaet's *Miserere mei*, Guerrero's *Vexilla regis*, and Ingegneri's *Tenebrae factae sunt*.

All in all, a nice affordable (A donation was requested at the door, and the 'suggested donation' was kind of high, but, as it is a donation, you don't have to leave anything if you don't want to.) evening of mostly in period (The guest instrumentalists performed some out of period pieces, but I have to say Bach's *Erbarme dich, mein Gott, um meiner Zahren willen!* did bring tears to my eyes -- the music was so beautiful.) entertainment.

For anyone not able to go to War Practice, Musica Spei next performs in Rochester on May 21, 8PM at St Anne's, 1600 Mount Hope Ave., 'Tongues of Flame: Choral Music for Pentacost'.

Musica Spei also offers Renaissance Summer Sing-alongs on some of the Wednesday evenings in June and August. More information can be found on their website: www.musicaspei.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May - 2011

7 Music and Dance Collegium
[Barony-Marche of Debatable Lands](#)
7 [May Day II: When Pigs Fly!](#)
[Shire of Angel's Keep \(Auburn, NY\)](#)
14 Aethelmearc Spring Crown 2011
[Barony of Blackstone Mountain \(Ansted, WV\)](#)
19 - 22 War Practice XXII
[Canton of Steltonwald](#)
27-29 Baronial Champs
[Barony of Thescorre](#)

June - 2011

3 - 5 Melee Madness
[Barony of Endless Hills \(Meshoppen\)](#)
4 Spring Thing
[Canton of Westland Mor \(Stahlstown, PA\)](#)
4 Sunderoak Gold Chain
[Shire of Sunderoak \(Butler pa\)](#)
10 - 13 Barony Wars and Bazaar V
[Shire of Sterlynge Vayle \(Sanford, NY\)](#)
11 Rhydderich Hael Baronial Champs
[Barony of Rhydderich Hael \(\)](#)
11 Defenders Tournament of Sylvan Glen
[Shire of Sylvan Glen \(Martinsburg, WV\)](#)
17 - 19 Myrkfaelinn's XXIXth Summer War Practice
[Dominion of Myrkfaelinn \(Trumansburg, NY\)](#)
18 Tournament Thru The Ages - Kingdom Equestrian Championship
[Shire of Stormsport \(Albion, PA\)](#)
25 Baronial Picnic
[Barony of Endless Hills \(tunkhannock PA\)](#)

July - 2011

1 - 3
[Known World Dance Symposium VIII](#)
Kingdom of the Middle (Bloomington, IN)
8 - 10
Pax Interruptus XXXV
[Barony of Thescorre \(Caledonia, NY\)](#)
9
Misty Highlands Birthday Picnic
[Shire of Misty Highlands](#)
9 - 10
A Day Out of Time II: The Cayuga County Fair Demo
[Shire of Angel's Keep \(Weedsport NY\)](#)
15 - 17
St. Swithin's Bog Three-Day
[Barony of St. Swithin's Bog \(Summerhill, PA\)](#)

August - 2011

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[Debatable Lands' Baronial Investiture](#)
[Barony-Marche of Debatable Lands \(Pittsburgh, PA\)](#)