

# FEWMET!

*Being the Newsletter of the Industrious Barony of Thescorre!*

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## Thescorre Baronial Report Junel 2020 (7:45 via Zoom) Senechal: Bronwyn nic Gregor

### Officer Reports:

**Senechal** (JulyTerm Jan. 1, even years), Bronwyn reporting:

- This meeting is supposed to be a Curia. We have received no requests to look into policy. Next curia is We are meeting remotely via teleconferencing. What will this mean for the future? Connectivity issues at Red Shield.
  - 3.7 Baronial Curia 3.7.1 The Baronial Curia will meet three times a year in February, June, and October. The Curia meeting in each month will be the third Tuesday of the month and will correspond with the Business meeting.
- The July meeting will be conducted remotely as well. Next curia June meeting- Proposed changes need to be made 60 days in advance -[Baronial Policy](#)
- [Senechal](#) Reports to:
  - Kingdom Senechal - Mistress Illadore de Bedegrayne - seneschal
  - Region 4 Deputy - Baroness Katryne of Bakestondon - ae.region4seneschal [Re-reporting](#) Dates: - March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1

**Exchequer** (Term July 1, odd years), Alina, report has been filed: We have \$6505.44 in the checking and \$4069.10 in the savings. Because of the pandemic, our usual events were canceled.

**Arts & Science** (Term July 1, odd years): Amelot Noisete, collecting virtual classes for Pax Roll of the A&S Officer

From the Policy - 1.3.7 Minister of Arts & Sciences

- Maintain the Arts and Sciences (A&S) resources and make them readily available to members of the Barony.
- Act as a contact for A&S referrals.
- Act as an advocate of the arts and sciences in the Barony.
- Plan and schedule A&S activities and possibly refreshments for Barony social meetings.
- Plan other A&S get-togethers for fostering the arts and sciences in the Barony.
- Organize or select someone to organize the Barony picnic each summer.
- House and maintain possessions of the Baronial Arts and Sciences office.

### Baron Eldjarn & Baroness Dubhesea:

Stay home. Stay safe. Contact us if you need assistance. Let's support each other. We are wondering if baronial members are in need of anything?

- 2 Online Zoom chats. Popular.

Virtual Pax- We Have business

- court
- people are planning some great online things
- Autumn crown tournament in WV in the planning stages

Chatelaine (Term Jan. 1, odd years): Gwen reporting

- Video intros for the web pages. Martial and Guild intros in Garb to start (2-3 min.). Gwen will start selecting people to start with. Followed by Officers (No Garb).- after Pax
- Would like to continue with the newcomers feast gear gifting

**Chatelain** [Chatelaine Report Form](#) ; Local Chatelain Reporting Dates: Feb., May, August, November. Regional March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1.

[Demo Report Form](#)

**Chronicler**, Padraigh:

[Chronicler Report Form](#)

**Gold Key**: Nothing new to report. From Last report-loan boots from Gold Key for C3R. Returned.

Setting up feast gear baskets (no tablecloths) ; 9 totes of garb. Inventory is an ongoing project. So much Gold Key. Proposes giving garb to new people.

**Minister of Lists** (Term Jan. 1, odd years) Branwyn: Not present

**Pursuivant / Herald** (Term, Jan. 1, even years), Andrew reporting: Nothing new to report. No requests for submissions. No courts. Report has been submitted.

**Steward** (Term July 1, even years), Steffan: Road signs at Gwen's. Everything else is back in Steffan's basement.

**Webminister/Historian**, Nuzha reporting:

- Newcomer video. Will be a huge help
- Scribal wants to refresh their page.
- Fewmet is coming online. Digitizing archival is in progress.
- Social Media pages updates.
- Email migration is mostly complete. (Gentles are asked to help with updates and reminders where appropriate.)
- Please send updates for the website. Please promote what we are doing via Facebook.
- Trying to get things ready for Pax
- If you think it is vaguely SCA post it on Facebook. Let's show people we are still out there/here.

**Officers Reports:**

**Archery** (Term Jan. 1, even years): Corbin report submitted: Archery on hiatus. Awaiting

okays from CDC and Kingdom to allow things to open.

**Fencing** (Term July 1, even years) Eric reporting.

(Per Eric Fencing is suspended as of 3/14/2020, and will remain suspended until further notice, due to the Covid 19 virus pandemic).

Now that we have a Deputy Senechal for Pandemics we are waiting for guidance.

**Knight Marshall** (Term Jan. 1, odd years): Athos reporting KM (Dominic McMorland)

(Per Dominic McMorland Heavy Fighting is suspended as of 3/14/2020, and will remain suspended until further notice, due to the Covid19 virus pandemic).

**Thrown Weapons Marshall** (Term July 1, even years), Sir Dominic, Marshall. Aquila d' Athos reporting:

(Athos would like to hold TW practice when the weather complies and depending on the Health Dept. Guidances and permission from Dep. Senechal of Pandemics. Updates will be emailed.)

**Youth Fighting** (Term ) Andrew reporting: (Fighting on hiatus due to Covid19.) No Youth Fighting (due to COVID19). Repairing and upgrading armor due to growth spurts occurring in the ranks of the Youth Fighters.

### Guilds:

**Chirurgion**, Nikki, nothing to report.

**Cooks Guild**: Katja, reporting : weedwalks and simple cooking Facebook (Text and pictures) - maybe email versions to follow?

**Drum and Dance**, Katja filing report: nothing.

**Scribal**, Roberta: They are working on assignments

### Old Business:

**Update-Pax**: Virtual see their Excellencies report. Virtual event-

- Friday and Saturday 7/3 and 7/4
- Dance classes - European and M.E. as well
- Amelot - Send AS videos and classes for the event. Check email and / or Facebook for means to contact her
- 7 Videos for martial arts. This window is closing.  
Send to: webminster@thescorre.org
- Royalty free music to insert
- "This is Thescorre" video. Send pictures to Nuzha.

Mostly from Pax.

- Thescorre goes to War.
- Pax Through the Ages.
- Wolgemot has offered to have a concert on Friday evening via Facebook Live.
- Saturday court in the afternoon (4 or 5 PM). (Need Zoom Room) and during the day for classes. Do we need more than one Zoom Room?
- Need a Merchant page. Put information on the website.

**New Business:** None.

**News of interest:**

- Crown Tournament: TBD
- Baronial Champs - postponed. All champions willing to stay in the role until they know more.
- Pennsic War - postponed until 2021
- **Important Dates:**
- 2021 Preferred Region Events:
  - Twelfth Night Region 4 – Western NY The 1st or 2nd weekend of January By the preceding June 1
  - Spring Coronation ANY REGION The 1st or 2nd weekend of April By the preceding November
  - Fall Coronation ANY REGION The 3rd weekend of September By the preceding June 1
  - Regarding C3R (see below)

**For Future Consideration:** Is it possible to adjust this timeline due to the facility of publishing events in a more timely manner?

2.1 Event Proposals 2.1.1 A proposal for an event must be received by the Seneschal six (6) months prior to the month in which the event falls to allow for publication in the Kingdom newsletter (Æstel). 2.1.2 The Seneschal must request proposals for traditional events seven (7) months prior to the month in which the event falls. 2.1.3 The decision on autocrat(s) for an event must be made and announced five (5) months prior to the month in which the event falls.

Documents of Interest:

[Event Bid Form Regalia Bid](#)

[Adult Roster Waiver](#)

[Adult and Minor Waivers](#)

[SCA Insurance Information](#)

Dear Chroniclers,

Master Illadore, our Kingdom Seneschal, has asked that I pass on a reminder from the Society Seneschal that doxxing (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/dox>



[Dox | Definition of Dox by Merriam-Webster](#)

Dox definition is - to publicly identify or publish private information about (someone) especially as a form of punishment or revenge. How to use dox in a sentence.

[www.merriam-webster.com](http://www.merriam-webster.com)

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is against SCA policy. Please make mention of this in your next newsletter and respond to this so I know it has been received.

Thank you,  
In Service,  
Dame Aine  
Kingdom Chronicler

## What I do on My Summer Vacation: Time Travel.

### Devon Adair Bartholomy

Some people consider summer a relaxing time of picnics, baseball games, and trips to the beach, but if you say “summer” to me, I think “war”. My wars aren’t the horrific kind that inspired “Saving Private Ryan.” The Pennsic Wars I equate with summer are amazing opportunities to live history at a private campground on the Pennsylvania-Ohio border.

For the last 30+ years, members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. have gathered every August to hold mock battles between the East and Middle Kingdoms. What began as a weekend camping event for roughly 200 people has expanded into a two week festival, attended by close to 10,000 people who come from all over the world to recreate an idealized version of life in the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

My wife Beth and I spend most of June and July getting ready. She lives at her sewing machine, its tattoo of sound telling me that she’s repairing old costumes and creating new ones. I coat our entire basement with sawdust, building everything from camp furniture to castle bits. One year, we spent three months and more \$800 in paint and lumber disguising an old travel trailer as a castle. Now, we compare lists and lug arm-loads of gear and garb out to that trailer. By the time we start calling each other “Devon” and “Daedra” instead of “Mark” and “Beth,” we’re nearly ready to go.

Daedra packs everything she can possibly imagine using: chess, backgammon and 9 man’s morris, games that we’ve never gotten bored enough to play; more tunics, tabards, capes and cloaks than we could wear in two weeks - even if it rained the entire time; and a stack of well worn, heavy wool blankets. “I know we have a heater in the castle,” she sighs, when I point this out, “but people could end up with soggy sleeping bags if there’s a storm, so I want to have spares.”

I take most of my tool collection for similar reasons. Knight errant or not, I love rescuing people! Forgot to drill a hole for one of the bolts that hold your camp table together? No problem. The poles for your kitchen tarp are too long? I can help cut them down. Don’t even ask if I have a left-handed 13mm widget wrench. The only question is whether or not someone else has already borrowed it. Stapleguns, sledgehammers, tape measures, a blowtorch and soldering iron, not to mention rolls and rolls of duct tape, all come in handy sooner or later!

Daedra and I are both inclined to forget that the campground isn’t really beyond the reach of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. How, when there are Laundromats and a Sears within a short driving distance? It’s easier than you might think when your car’s parked a mile away. It’s really easy when you

help an exhausted fighter out of sweat-soaked leather armor in the blazing midday sun. It's easiest of all when you sit on oriental carpets in an ornate Mongolian yurt late one night, sharing kumiss (an alcoholic drink made from fermented milk) and savory roast pork with chopstick-wielding friends named Suvdchin, Bogei, and Chinua.

Such "time travel" may not be entirely rational, but rational thought tends to get lost in the adrenaline rush when a battle begins. With two thousand fighters on a side, you not only see and hear the impact - you can feel it through the soles of your feet!

The sound starts out low, as scattered units begin to psych themselves up for the charge by slapping rattan weapons against their own shields. More and more join in, until the ragged wooden drumbeat is punctured by shouts and war cries. When a big enough group shouts in unison, you may even be able to tell what they're saying: "Blood! Blood! Blood makes the grass grow!" or "Road-kill, road-kill!" Then the starting cannon goes off, and its roar is promptly drowned out by the screams as the two armies thunder and howl into each other's shield walls. It's a moment when pretense sounds VERY real.

Still, the ambiance isn't absolute. When you are building elaborate towers, gates, and castle facades, it's easier to employ power tools than countless peasants. As a result, shrieking power saws and whining cordless drills periodically disturb the first week's daylight hours.

Even during the second week, there are gaps in the curtain of make believe. Marshals referee the battles and communicate via walkie-talkie. The first-aiders we call "Chirurgeons" carry their kits in nylon packs or plastic tackle boxes. Event staff members use golf-carts to get around the 600 plus acre site. Waterbearers offer Gatorade from plastic gallon jugs that are easier to obtain and clean than traditional wine skins. Well-stocked ice chests help keep heat stroke and food poisoning at bay, while porta-johns replace open air privies and chamberpots which would have fouled the air of actual medieval cities.

Though we draw the line at raw sewage, Pennsic does offer some fairly authentic medieval smells. Remember the sweaty fighter? Multiply by several thousand and keep in mind that camp showers are shorter, colder, and less frequent than those at home. There's also a blend of wood smoke, citronella and torch oil that permeates all of Pennsic and travels home with us in everything we own. Asked what scents *she* associates with our annual wars, Daedra mentions merchants who carry sticks of frankincense, vials of clove oil, and sandalwood fans. I prefer the breezes in food court, laden with cinnamon, curry, roasting steak and lamb.

Above all, there's a special magic at Pennsic. Daedra showed it to me the first year I went. We had set up a 4-man tent that was barely big enough for two of us and the modest amount of gear we had taken that year, in the woods at what Daedra called "the lower end of camp." This meant that the merchant area, bathhouse, battlefield, and archery range were *all* uphill, giving that entire war an Escher feel. I'd swear that hill got steadily longer and steeper each time I trudged it. As a result, I was less than enthused when Daedra dragged me UP again at dusk,



through the same motley collection of pup tents, dome tents, canvas pavilions, and Viking-style A-frames I had lumbered past all day.

Deepening twilight covered a host of inconsistencies. Sunlight no longer glinted off the aluminum poles of modern tents or showed me Reeboks peeking from beneath my lady's layered skirts.

Gravel on the roadway bothered my abused feet, but even that began to fade. When we neared the crest of the hill, Daedra led me out onto a steep grassy slope and sat down. I thought she was giving me a chance to rest, but she'd taken me there to admire the view.

There were encampments all down the hillside and back as far as I could see under the trees: big ones, small ones, some with carefully laid-out courtyards, others merely a cluster of tents. Each of them was illuminated by firelight. Some were outlined by tiki torches. Some glowed with cook fires. People scurried in and out of the shadows cast by their tents.

Soft harp and recorder music drifted out of a camp just below us. There was a chorus of frogs peep-chirping over by the lake and crickets on our right that tuned up again shortly after we settled down. I could hear people laughing and passing along the road we'd followed: ladies, in long swishing gowns, and lords, in creaking leather doublets or clinking chain-mail tunics. Their snippets of conversation added to the growing illusion: "Good evening, my lady!" "Well met, your Excellency. Might you know the way to Trimaran Royal?"

Daedra and I sat there breathing it all in, and I watched a white mist creep up until the whole picture gradually blurred to fairy-tale softness. Then Arabic drums began to echo from the far side of the lake. Their beat was complex, yet primitive. For that moment, time took a step sideways and back. I wasn't Mark McMillan, who worked at a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center, anymore. I *was* Devon Adair Bartholomy, an archer who crafts bows, fletches arrows, and teaches others to use them. That was when I decided Pennsic was worth the effort: right down to my aching feet.

## Upcoming Events

### July, 2020

#### \*\*\*Cancelled\*\*\* St. Swithin's Bog 3-Day Event

July 10 - July 12

#### \*Online\* Spring Æthelmearc Academy

July 11 @ 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

#### \*\*\*POSTPONED\*\*\* Pennsic War – XLIX

July 24 - August 9

### August, 2020

#### \*\*Postponed\*\* 7 Pearls in the Rhydderich Hael

August 21 - August 23

### September, 2020

#### \*Cancelled\* A Shoote in the Wyldewoode

September 4 - September 7

#### Academy of St. Clare V: Itchin' To Get Stitchin'

September 4 @ 5:00 pm - September 6 @ 12:00 pm

#### \*Cancelled\* Summer's End 2020

September 12

#### Fall Coronation PREFERRED Date (ANY REGION)

September 19

#### \*Cancelled\* Harvest Raid 27

September 25 - September 27

### October, 2020

#### Fall Crown Tournament PREFERRED Date (Region 1 – West Virginia)

October 10

#### Agincourt XIV

October 17

#### Tavern Brawl

October 24

#### \*Postponed\* Fiber, Fabric, & Fighting

October 30 - November 1

### November, 2020

#### Fall Æthelmearc Academy SUGGESTED Date (Region 2 – Western PA)

November 14

#### Blade Academy

November 14