

THE BARGE

Gareth



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FROM THE CHRONICLER

Greetings, good gentles! This is the last issue of the BARGE that I will be producing. I have held this office for two years, and in that time I have delivered 34 issues, 350 pages, several articles, and a baby. The latter is one of two reasons that I feel I can no longer serve the Barony as well as I would like. You deserve my best efforts, and it is getting harder to give them. Lord Edouard d'Aubigny and Lady Carolyn Buxton will be the new chroniclers, and I beg of you that you give them the same cooperation you have given me, and also artwork, articles, event reports, and anything else you would like to see in the BARGE.

Aleta of Cool Valley

FROM THE HIPPOGRIFF PURSUIVANT

The following submissions have been sent to kingdom:
Yllone Mac Nichol - name and device
Harald of Bears'Haven - device only
Chaya Merriam bat Eliahu Y'hudah - name and device
Lurranne of Kilkenny - name and device
Killian O'Neal - name only
Edouard d'Aubigny - name only
Rhianwen ferch Cefyr - name and device
Alaric Friedrich von Rundstadt - name and device

CALENDAR

Saturday, February 20
Calon Con/MidWinter Ball, Standing Stones (Columbia, MO) *
Copernican Follies, Carraig Ban (DeKalb, IL) *

Monday, February 22
Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point
Music group, 7:00, Rafael's

Wednesday, February 24
Dance, 7:30, Negay's

Thursday, February 25 Baronial Court

Saturday, February 27
Dance Seminar/Ball II, Nordskogen (Minneapolis, MN) *

Monday, February 29
Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point
Officers meeting, 7:30, Swietoslawa's. Prospectuses for Birth-day Bash are due.

Tuesday, March 1
Deadline for April NEWS

Wednesday, March 2
Dance, 7:30, Negay's

Thursday, March 3
BARGE deadline
Dance after meeting

Saturday, March 5
Legend of Roland, NoMountain (Grinnell, IA) *
Heraldic Symposium, Swordcliffe (Springfield, IL) *

Monday, March 7
Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point
Music group, 7:00, Rafael's
Armorer's guild, 7:30, County Stargaard

Wednesday, March 9
Dance, 7:30, Negay's

Thursday, March 10
Umrath Hall is not available for meeting. St. John's Episcopal Church on Arsenal may be the alternate site. Listen for definite announcements at meetings.

Saturday, March 12
Coronation, Lonely Tower (Omaha, NE) *
Claymores, Etc., Ironstead (Galesburg, IL) *

Monday, March 14
Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point
Officers meeting, 7:30, place to be announced
Canton Riverhold meets

Wednesday, March 16
Dance, 7:30, Negay's

Thursday, March 17
BARGE
Dance after meeting

Saturday, March 19
Riots of Spring, Shadowdale CANCELLED
Charity Square Dance, St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, March 20
Baronial Championship, 1:00, McMillen Courtyard or Hall

Monday, March 21
Music group, 7:30, Rafael's
Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point

Wednesday, March 23
Dance, 7:30, Negay's

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

CALONCON/MIDWINTER BALL Feb. 20 Standing Stones (Columbia, MO)
Meetings during the day for officers and peers, a feast and ball in the evening. Maps, directions, and fee schedule are in the NEWS.

COPERNICAN FOLLIES Feb. 20 Carraig Ban (DeKalb, IL)

An event in celebration of the birthdays of Galileo and Copernicus. There will be a tourney, contests based on astronomy, astrology, and mythology; lectures, and a feast. Reservation info is in the February PALE, and a more exhaustive flyer is in the January PALE.

DANCE SEMINAR/BALL II Feb. 27 Nordskogen (Minneapolis)

Dance seminars and review during the day, a ball with live music and a dessert revel in the evening. The schedule of classes, class contents, and a registration form are in the February PALE, directions and map in the January PALE.

LEGEND OF ROLAND Mar. 5 NoMountain (Grinnell, IA)

NoMountain's spring event, "of epic proportions", is loosely based on the Song of Roland. There will be several large melees simulating war between the Franks and the Moors, an open arts and sciences display, contests for best 12th century French costume and best 'lais', and a potluck feast. More information is in the February NEWS.

HERALDIC SYMPOSIUM

Mar. 5 Swordcliffe(Springfield, IL)

In addition to a heraldic symposium, there will also be a Collegium Ethelindi honoring the "Wise Serpent", patron of knowledge and moonlight bowling. A partial class list is in the February PALE, and there should be more information next month.

CORONATION

Mar. 12 Lonely Tower(Omaha, NE)

The theme for the coronation of Calontir's next king and queen will be the Age of Jean Froissart (1337 - 1410), English knight and historian. There will be contests for helms, fashion head-gear, masks (judged by their Majesties during the first dance), fighter's tabard (sewn by the fighter), best heraldic display, and populace tourney. Contestants may enter up to five of eight categories; those wishing to enter the tourney must enter exactly five. All of this will be followed by a two course feast featuring Crowned Flesh of Fowl and Beef Coronet in Burgundy Sauce. There will also be a pot luck dessert table during the Royal Masked Ball. Fee information is in the February NEWS; more information on the populace tourney will be available later (March NEWS?)

CLAYMORES, KILTS & CLANS Mar. 12 Ironstead(Galesburg, IL)

Tournaments include sword and shield novice tourney, prize tourney and silly melee; day activities include chess tournament, brewing and vintning contest, the return of the crossbows and catapults tournament, air bagpipes, the return of the serious lech's kissing contest, the tartan teddy coloring contest, and (after the feast) the "what's under your kilt" contest (nothing shocking or distasteful please). Lunch will be available for a nominal fee; there is also a feast. See the February PALE for more details.

INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE OF PERIOD The Influence of Niccolo Machiavelli 1469 - 1572

The Italian political adviser Niccolo Machiavelli is notorious for his blunt advice that a ruler interested in maintaining and increasing his power should make use of deceitfulness, cunning, and lies, combined with a ruthless use of force. Because of this advice he has been denounced by many as an unscrupulous scoundrel and yet praised by many others as a hard-headed realist who dared to describe the world as it really was. Born in the year 1469 in Florence, Italy, his father, a lawyer, was a member of a prominent family, but not well off financially. Throughout his life time, in the height of the Italian Renaissance, Italy was divided into many small principalities, in contrast to such unified countries as France, Spain, or England. It is therefore not surprising that the Italy of his day was militarily weak, despite the brilliance of her culture. During Machiavelli's youth, Florence was ruled by the famous Medici ruler Lorenzo the Magnificent. But Lorenzo died in 1492 and a few years later, the Medici were driven from Florence. Florence became a republic, and in 1498, the twenty-nine year old Niccolo obtained a high position in the Florentine civil service. For the next 14 years, he served the Florentine Republic in a variety of diplomatic missions, travelling to France, Germany, and within Italy. In 1512, the Florentine Republic was overthrown,

and the Medici returned to power. Machiavelli was dismissed from his office and the following year arrested on suspicion of being involved in a conspiracy against the new Medici rulers. He was tortured, but maintained his innocence and was released that same year. He retired to a small estate at San Casciano, not far from Florence.

During the next 14 years, he wrote several books of which two are most famous, The Prince, written in 1513, and The Discourses Upon the First Ten Books of Titus Livius. His principal fame rests upon The Prince, perhaps the most brilliantly written and certainly the most easily readable of all his political treatises. The Prince may be considered a primer of practical advice for any head of state. The basic point of view of the book is that in order to succeed, a prince should ignore moral considerations entirely and depend upon strength and cunning. He stresses heavily that a state must be well-armed. He emphasizes that only armies conscripted from a state's own citizens are reliable; a state that depends on mercenary troops, or the troops of another state, is necessarily weak and endangered. In his book he advises the prince to gain support of the populace, since he otherwise would have no resource in adversity. He suggests that 'in taking a state the conqueror must arrange to commit all his cruelties at once, so as not to have to recur to them every day. . . Benefits should be granted little by little, so that they may be better enjoyed.' To be successful, a prince must surround himself with capable and loyal ministers; he writes that a prince must shun flatterers and then offers advice on how to do so. In Chapter 17 of The Prince, he discusses whether it is better for a prince to be loved or feared.

'The reply is that one ought to be both feared and loved, but...it is much safer to be feared than loved, if one of the two is to be wanting...for love is held by a chain of obligation which, men being selfish, is broken whenever it serves their purposes; but fear is maintained by a dread of punishment which never fails'.

The Prince has often been called a handbook for dictators, for he was appalled by the weakness of Italy and wished for a strong prince who would unite the country and drive out the various foreign invaders. Few political philosophers have been so vehemently denounced as Machiavelli. The criticisms of Machiavelli have of course been based on moral grounds; his model for the Prince, Cesare Borgia, did not learn his tactics from Machiavelli; quite the reverse - he learned from Borgia. If Machiavelli's influence on political practice is unclear - successful princes have always sought to implant the ideas that Machiavelli placed in writing -, his influence on political theory is undisputable. He discussed history and politics in purely human terms, and simply ignored moral considerations. He implies the question is not how people should behave, but how they do behave, not who should have power but how men actually achieve power. He is rightly to be considered one of the principal founders of modern political thought.

Yours in Service,
Philippe du Amolia, CoA

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN SODAS By Lord Gerald Good wine
(aka Jerry Harder)

Sodas, to my knowledge, are not really period. Digby has some sparkling meads called 'small mead' that were probably not very alcoholic. So, there is some basis for sparkling, non-alcoholic beverages.

Period or not, they are fun to make and add that home-made nuance to any SCA picnic, and anything made by oneself at least seems a little more 'authentic'.

Here are some basic recipes:

5 Gallon Batch Root Beer or Sasaparilla Soda

4 oz. Sasaparilla flavor
4 oz. Vanilla Flavor Note: Be sure to use the real flavor,
NOT the artificial. The artificial
makes it silly.
5 lb. Sugar
1 pkg. Champagne yeast or Beer yeast
Water to make a total volume of 5 gallons

Clean a 5 gallon bucket and 10, 2-liter soda bottles (preferably with plastic lids). Rinse containers with a solution of 25% bleach and 75% water. Continue rinsing with clear water until no trace of bleach smell remains.

Mix all ingredients in the 5 gallon bucket, add water to make a total volume of 5 gallons. Mix thoroughly.

Pour into 2-liter bottles, filling them as full as a full bottle of purchased soda. Allow soda to ferment until the bottles sound the same as a commercial bottle of soda when thumped or flicked with a finger.

Put bottles into refrigerator. Make sure temperature is within one degree of freezing or the sodas will continue to ferment and be over carbonated. For this reason they must be kept very cold.

The sodas will taste better after a week or two, but should be drunk by the end of the month.

You can scale down the recipe to your own usage and try different flavors. Some may need more or less flavor and or sugar.

Some suggestions: One might try steeping ginger, cinnamon, oranges, grapes, etc. in boiling water to extract flavors. Allow to cool, add sugar,, and yeast, bottle and ferment as above.

Covering the bottles with a cloth bag will make them look a lot less mundane.

Good Luck

&

Good Brewing



Dec. 1 A.S. XXII

Unto Baron Stephen Ironhand

From Syr Valens of Flatrock

Greetings!

Once again this year we are planning to hold the War of the Lilies but with a totally different twist. As in the days when even powerful Kings could do little to control the constant fighting among the powerful nobles of the land, this year the war will pit the Barons of Calontir versus the ex-rulers.

There will be ten nobles on each side, (the two barons who are also ex-rulers will fight with the rulers to make it even). Each noble will need to raise by any means a private force of archers and fighters and then work with the other nine nobles on his side to form an army.

The two sides will be:

Duke William	Baron Stephen
Count Chepe	Baron Dvaro
Graf Shadan	Baron Thomas
Earl Cire	Baron Guillaume
Earl Asgeirr	Baron Tedrick
Earl Gabriel	Baron Ali
Count Valens	Baron Pavel
Viscount Brumbar	Baron Bek
Viscount Ternon	Baron Rolf
Bretwala Christofre	Baron Charles

Anyone who will not be able to attend, does not fight or does not wish to fight or shoot archery at the war will be allowed to send their Champion to represent them on the field.

The War is currently planned for Memorial Day weekend, so we have two full days to fight the war. The exact site is still undetermined but it will be one of the State parks in the vicinity of Lawrence Kansas. The schedule of battles and war points is not complete because of the uncertainty about the site limitations, however below are the ideas we are considering at the moment.

Saturday morning-The Breakfast of Champions- A Champions battle with a twist. The nobles, (or their Champions) will be summoned to a Royal breakfast during which the first battle of the war will erupt. 1 point.

Saturday noon-Field battle-Standard Calontir conventions and Combat archery if the site is suitable. 1 point.

Saturday Afternoon-Woods battle-If the site has woods suitable to fight in. This will be a timed-resurrection battle. The object of both armies will be the coronets, (we will provide coronets to the nobles with their device or baronial arms on them) that the nobles or their champions will be wearing. The first side to capture all ten or the side with the most at the end of 90 minutes will be the winner. 1 point.

Saturday night-Drinking Contest-The ten nobles or their champions will face each other in a Pennsic style team relay drinking contest. No one will be required to drink more than 12 ounces of either beer or ale, (we want the contestants to fight the next day) the contest will stress speed and teamwork not volume. 1 point.

Sunday morning-Champions Archery-The nobles or their champions will fire at silhouettes of their ten opponents. The team will be timed on how long it takes them to kill all ten of the targets. The team with the lowest time will be the winner. 1 point.

Sunday morning-Open Archery-The archers of both armies will shoot at the same silhouettes used in the first shoot. The side that scores the most hits in a timed shoot will be the winner. 1 point.

Sunday noon-Bridge Battle-Standard Calontir rules with combat archery if the site permits. 1 point.

Sunday afternoon-Fortress Battle-The side which is behind in points will be the defender of the fort. The attackers must capture the fort within 60 minutes. 1 point.

For a total of eight possible points. Nobles may select different Champions for each battle or designate a person to represent you for the weekend.

Anyone who has further ideas please contact me during the next couple months.

We hope everyone will approach this war in the light hearted spirit that is intended. I would hope to see letters in the News from both sides and Court appearances by nobles from both sides leading up to the Event. This entire Event will lend itself wonderfully to the pomp and ceremony that should go with a gathering of twenty noble families, War banners, personal heralds, household fighting units, etc.

A more detailed flyer will be sent to all the nobles involved as soon as we know what the site looks like and which battles will need to be changed.

In Service to Calontir

Valens of Flatrock

Mayfest & Bazaar April 30 - May 1

The Shire of Longridge and the Canton of Riverhold are jointly holding a camping event and ransom tourney, the weekend of April 30-May 1.

SITE: Canalou, Missouri (just south of Sikeston). Site is very discretely wet as the town is officially dry. (No *visible* bottles or cans, please).

SCHEDULE: Troll opens 3:00 P.M. Friday, April 29th.

Friday evening: Informal reveling

Saturday: Armor inspection beginning 9:00 A.M.. Tourney immediately following inspection

FEAST: The feast is in 4 removes. It will have Middle Eastern/Greek dishes, featuring *spit-roasted lamb* and ending with mouth-watering Baklava. Feast will be picnic style, so bring your blankets.

Stone soup will be available at nominal cost for lunch Saturday.

MERCHANTS ARE WELCOME! Please contact Autocrat for more information.

SMALLS: There will be activities for the wee ones. Please let us know how many will attend. There is a playground on site.

TOURNEY: Each fighter is to bring two items that a fighter might like (wine, rattle, etc., no wenchies please!), one wrapped, the other unwrapped. Tourney is a double elimination with the winner getting all unwrapped items and eliminated fighters getting one wrapped item.

ACTIVITIES: Other unofficial activities/competitions will be announced at site (i.e. archery and throwing weapons).

Attention Middle Eastern Dancers and entertainers of all kinds!

Zarifa is looking for dancers interested in joining her to dance at feast and later. All level of dancers are invited to come and enjoy the unique chance to dance around a campfire to a very appreciative audience. Judy of Judy's Creative Costuming will be one of our vendors. Anyone who wishes to entertain at feast is always most cordially welcome.

FEES: Site fee: \$3 Feast fee: \$7 Under age 10: ½ price
At door, \$1 extra.

Feast limited to 60 unless early reservations warrant increase

Checks payable to SCA Longridge.

Reservations: site/tourney/vendors:

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From St. Louis:
Take I-55 South to State Hwy 80
(Mathews, MO). Take Hwy 80 west to
Canalou. At Canalou, turn south on Main
St. It will dead-end at the site area, the
Canalou City Hall.

Barony of Three Rivers

DATE RECEIVED: _____

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ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
STREET, APT. NO.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have several demos scheduled in the near future. If you are available, especially for daytime demos, please talk to Lady Swietoslawa.

Lord Damon has a new address: Hugh Niewoehner, 4106 S. 130th E. Ave, Apt. 1408A, Tulsa, OK 74134 (918) 250-4900.

Lady Brianne is looking for a replacement for head of the Metal-workers Guild. Anyone who is interested, please contact her at 664-7356.

MidRealm Coronation will be in Shattered Crystal the first weekend in May.

BEGGARS FEAST COURT

Baronial Court

House BearsHaven - presented a BearsHaven bear in conical helm to Their Excellencies

Glare - received a baronial cord for his service, esp. at Changelings

Harald, Merriam, Cormac - received roses for continuing service although they already have peerages. Master Harald has printed the Barge for two years, Sir Cormac has provided assistance to new autocrat teams, Contessa Merriam has scrubbed the dirtiest pots in the kitchen.

Idris, Amethyst - received roses for service in providing games (Idris) and for working in the kitchen at Winter Court (Amethyst)

Etienne, Errol, Norm - received baronial cords for service, Etienne for kitchen work at Winter Court, Errol for tote & fetch, Norm for general work

Elin Redlock - received a rose for providing childcare at events (she was accompanied by Peter)

Stanislaus, Glas - Glas received a cord for service, and Stanislaus received a rose for service at Winter Court, etc.

Royal Court

Morgan of Gloucester - received an Award of Arms for his skill in leatherwork

Gerald Goodwine - received a Leather Mallet for his skill in brewing

James Ernest of Exeter - received a photograph of himself that was sent by Their Graces Talyar and Eislinn, and then was awarded a Calon Lily for his skill in juggling

Nathan Adelaar - announced at Cooking Guild symposium at the Ceilidh in Dun Ard

Maestro Juan - announced a Golden Swan for Asgeirr for his skill in calligraphy and illumination (Asgeirr was heralding the court).

There was a profit of slightly over 1400 from the event.

Congratulations to Thorvald Redhair and Mary on the birth of their son, Tarl William, on January 14.

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