

THE BARGE

June A S XXVII



From the Baron

Unto the Peers, Nobles and Populace of the Barony of Three Rivers,

Greetings:

Summer is nearly here and with it comes Lilies War and Pennsic. This year, it's the Summer Queens versus the Winter Queens. Except for my personal household, which will side with the Summer Queens, everyone is free to pick the side they prefer and have a very good time. We will all have fun.

Pennsic takes a lot more advanced planning than it used to. Please cooperate with Lord Conrad and the Baronial Slum Lord, Lord Dafydd Tod in planning the camp layout.

Birthday Bash will be July 25th. This allows us to go to Shattered Crystal's Walk in the Woods on July 18th and for them to come and play with us.

Remember to drink lots of liquids; stay healthy.

In Service,

Sir Cormac O'Sullivan
Baron of Three Rivers

From the Safety Thyri -

Yes, I know it sounds silly, but the topic I wish to address is not so silly. As a matter of fact, it is a rather sober one. It was brought up at the most recent officer's meeting and concerns drinking at events. This topic was a result of the cookie-tossing competition at Drunken Mammoth this weekend past.

Let us make up a hypothetical situation...a Thyri-etical situation. For the sake of argument, let us use the Drunken Mammoth event as the one in this situation. Also for sake of argument, let us use an extremely inebriated Thyri (which I was, there is no doubt) as the subject of this situation. Let us also suppose, I decided to drive home (I live in Illinois, approximately 43 miles from the Drunken Mammoth site). This is a really stupid thing to do. Many, many things can happen in 43 miles... accidents, tickets, trips to the hospital.

What I am trying to impart here is that everyone needs to be a responsible individual, even to know when not to drive when drinking. This past weekend, I knew I would not even be able to get my car out of where my lord husband had it hidden, much less drive 43 miles home. I also have some very, very good friends who would not have let me off-site in that condition. If you are going to drink at events, please do not put yourself, your friends and the SCA at risk by drinking and driving.

I am not knocking having alcohol at events. There is nothing I enjoy better than having a brew or three after a day's activities, especially if I know I don't have to drive. For the most part, I only drink at post-revels if I know I do not have to drive home or to our crash space.

Be responsible. be honorable.

From El Senor Fernando Rodriguez de Falcon,

Unto the Populace of the Barony of Three Rivers,

Good Gentles,

Over the last year or so, I have been bothered by what I see as a disturbing trend in our weekly meetings. This is the increasingly larger percentage of the populace who comes to meeting wearing mundanes. Sure, I realize that sometimes we come straight from someplace else without time to change, but all too often it is just a decision of laziness. "I just didn't feel like changing." or "Why bother? It's just meeting." Why am I complaining? Perhaps because I feel that the medieval atmosphere generated by 75 or 100 people in garb is different (and in my eyes, better for our purposes) than the atmosphere of a typical mundane meeting. Certainly a small number of mundanely clothed people can be absorbed into a large crowd of garbed people, but too many, and the atmosphere changes from the medieval to the modern. I still remember how as a newer member, the sight of someone in mundanes at meeting was a rare sight. No one would even consider making an announcement unless they were in garb, or at least covered by a cloak. I was awed each time I entered the medieval world at each weekly meeting. Do we have the right to take this thrill away from our newer members? I think we are doing them a great disservice.

Why should a newbie make garb when half the people at any given meeting are wearing mundanes? How can we expect newer members to "respect" the SCA experience of Baron Master Master Sir Old-Timer when for meeting after meeting they see him as just another guy in jeans and tennis shoes? Even just a simple tunic thrown over mundanes is a vast improvement, although a full set of garb is far better still. It takes relatively little effort to change into garb before coming, or to bring a change of clothing with you.

Just a little effort from each of us can reverse the trend and greatly improve this situation.

The Falcon Flies,

El Senor Fernando Rodriguez de Falcon

HOW TO SUCCEED AT THE PENNSIC TROLLBOOTH

by Elena de Vexin
(reprinted from Pennsic XXI Information Booklet)

It is amazing how many uninformed people arrive at the Pennsic Troll Booth each year making puzzled statements such as, "but Joe Schmoe said I could pay for just two days," or "why can't I come in and see my friends? I promise I'll leave tonight, and they're expecting me." And there's always, "but you took my personal check last year!!" Couple these statements with the people who wonder why there's no space for their group of 25-30 as they had no idea they needed to reserve space in advance, and troll can become mighty hectic.

In order to settle any doubts, here is a list of rules for the Pennsic Troll Booth. Read them, memorize them, and if that fails, study them in the car on your way to the War.

1. No pets.
2. No one under 18 allowed on site without parent or court appointed legal guardian.
3. No daily visitors.
4. No unpaid persons in camp.
5. Everyone must pay feed from day of arrival to end of war.
6. No personal checks.
7. No refunds.

To expand:

1. No pets are allowed on site. Consider the health and sanitary prospects and further explanation should not be needed. The only exception to this would be seeing-eye dogs.

2. No one under 18 years of age will be allowed on site without parents or court-appointed guardian. This rule has changed slightly from past years; it used to allow for a non-legal guardian (i.e., relative or other adult). However, due to insurance reasons, the rule now calls for parents or court-appointed guardians **ONLY**, and this rule will be adhered to. Proof of age will be required, and checked, at the troll. If you are not 18 or older and are not with your parents, you **will not** be allowed on site. If there is a doubt about your age and you cannot provide I.D., there will be no admittance. This does not include emancipated minors, but again, proper paperwork must be provided.

3. No daily visitors, and

4. No unpaid persons in camp. Strictly speaking, visitors are not allowed. If anyone wants to come on site, they must pay the entire fee and wear medieval clothing. If your grandparents stop by because they know you are there and they happen to be passing by, they will not be allowed on site to wander around looking for you. Please, gentles, do not encourage your friends and family to visit you at the Pennsic War. They, and you, will be upset and disappointed when they are not allowed on site.

5. Upon the day of your arrival you must pay the entire fee, counted from the day you arrive to the end of the war, regardless of how long you will be there. If you can only stay for two days and arrive the weekend before the war, plan to pay for the entire war. This fee is not transferable to your friend who will be arriving the day you leave.

6. You must pay in cash or travellers checks. No personal checks will be accepted. Personal checks have not been accepted for many years, as too many of them went bouncing down the High Road. And no, they did not take your personal check last year, so please do not try to use that as an argument.

7. No refunds will be given. If you leave early or happen to be permanently kicked off site for reasons of your own volition, you will not receive a refund. If you do not have your proof of membership ready when you arrive, you cannot come back with it after you unpack and get your discount refunded. *Have your proof of membership ready when you arrive -- it is the only way you will receive your membership discount.* Proof of membership includes: your membership card, your kingdom newsletter or *Tournaments Illuminated* mailing label, your cancelled check proving that you sent off your dues prior to August 1, or a letter from the Registry explaining why your card has been delayed. I reiterate, please have these ready upon your arrival.

These rules are listed at the Troll as they have been for years past.

Seneschals, please cover these rules with your group. Not everyone who participates in the SCA is a paying member, so many will not see this article. Many people will be attending Pennsic for the first time and will need your guidance and assistance. Several gentles in the past have arrived misinformed, insisting they received their information from their seneschal. Please inform your group of the correct information.

Another gesture which will speed your progress through the Troll Booth is to have your waiver filled out prior to arrival. These appear in kingdom newsletters and the pre-Pennsic publication and can be copied as needed. (Please do not reduce them when you copy them as it makes them extremely difficult to read.) This can save time, aggravation and confusion, especially in the wee hours. Yes, *everyone* must fill out a waiver, for insurance reasons. Please fill it out entirely, including the section on medication, allergies, and/or health problems. This information is kept on file by your check-in number at Chirurgeons' Point in case of emergency, so any and all information is pertinent. This includes pregnancy or if you're in a wheelchair and why. You may think some of these things are obvious, but in an emergency situation anything can happen. So please fill in any medical information whether you fill out your waiver in advance or at the Troll Booth. (Minor waivers will only be available at the Troll.)

One last point: knowing these rules, which have been in effect and virtually unchanged for many years, will enable everyone to abide by them. Please do not attempt to finagle a deal once you get there. No exceptions will be made -- what goes for one goes for all. If you do have any complaints, questions, or arguments, please do not address them (especially the complaints) to the people working Troll who are checking you in. These folks are volunteers, donating their time and following procedures set forth by others. If you need to speak to someone, ask for a Cooper or the Troll Autocrat. One or both are almost always there or can be quickly obtained. They are the ones in charge and enforcing the rules. The volunteers are simply doing what they are told.

Be knowledgeable, be prepared, and help us make your Troll transition as smooth as possible. The faster you get through the Troll, the sooner you can set up camp and start the fun. We look forward to greeting you at the Pennsic War.

No. _____

The Society for Creative Anachronism
Waiver and Informed Consent

I, _____, the undersigned of _____, (legal name)
(address)

_____, being an adult having read and understood the contents of this
(city, state/province, zip)

document, and being fully cognizant of the nature and characteristics of the Society for Creative Anachronism activities detailed below, do hereby consent to the provisions contained herein.

It is my intention to participate in an event held by the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (a non-profit education organization duly incorporated in the State of California). This event is known as the Pennsic War XXI

This event will be held at Cooper's Lake Campground, R.D. #2, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, on August 8 through 16, 1992

In consideration for my being permitted to take part in this event, I agree to release, save harmless and keep indemnified the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., its organizers and agents, officials, servants and representatives, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from and against all claims, actions, costs, expenses and demands in respect to death, injury, loss or damage to my person or property, howsoever caused, arising out of or in connection with my taking part in this event even if the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by negligence of the said bodies or any of the agents, servants or representatives.

Whereof I here set my hand this _____th day of August, 1992

(legal) Signature _____

SCA Name _____

Group Camping with _____

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_____ Other: _____

I will participate as a:

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_____ fighter _____ waterbearer _____ scout _____ fencer _____ fencing marshal

_____ staff _____ list officer

Medical problems (allergies, etc.) _____

In case of emergency:

Contact person off site: Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone (_____) _____

Contact person on site: SCA name: _____

Mundane name: _____ Group camping with: _____

Calontir - Pennsic XXX Registration Form

Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Name

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Phone

Address

Preferences - Indicate up to 3 - use numbers to specify order

Camp: Three Rivers ☐ Forgotten Sea ☐ Lonely Tower ☐
 Near Purple Pavilion ☐ Far from Purple Pavilion ☐ Closer to barn ☐
 In pavilion area ☐ Not in pavilion area ☐ Closer to battlefield ☐
 Close to road ☐ Far from road ☐ Closer to water tap ☐
 Closer to privies ☐ Away from privies ☐ Grouped with other smalls ☐
 Close to Calontir camp border ☐ Away from Calontir camp border ☐
 In an area likely to be quiet after midnight ☐ Near firepit ☐

Tent door facing: N ☐ E ☐ S ☐ W ☐ as shown on map ☐

I/we would like to camp with: _____

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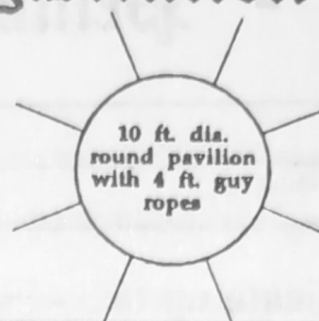
Area per person

Send to by June 23
 Michael Sauer
 203 Third Avenue
 Columbia, MO 65203

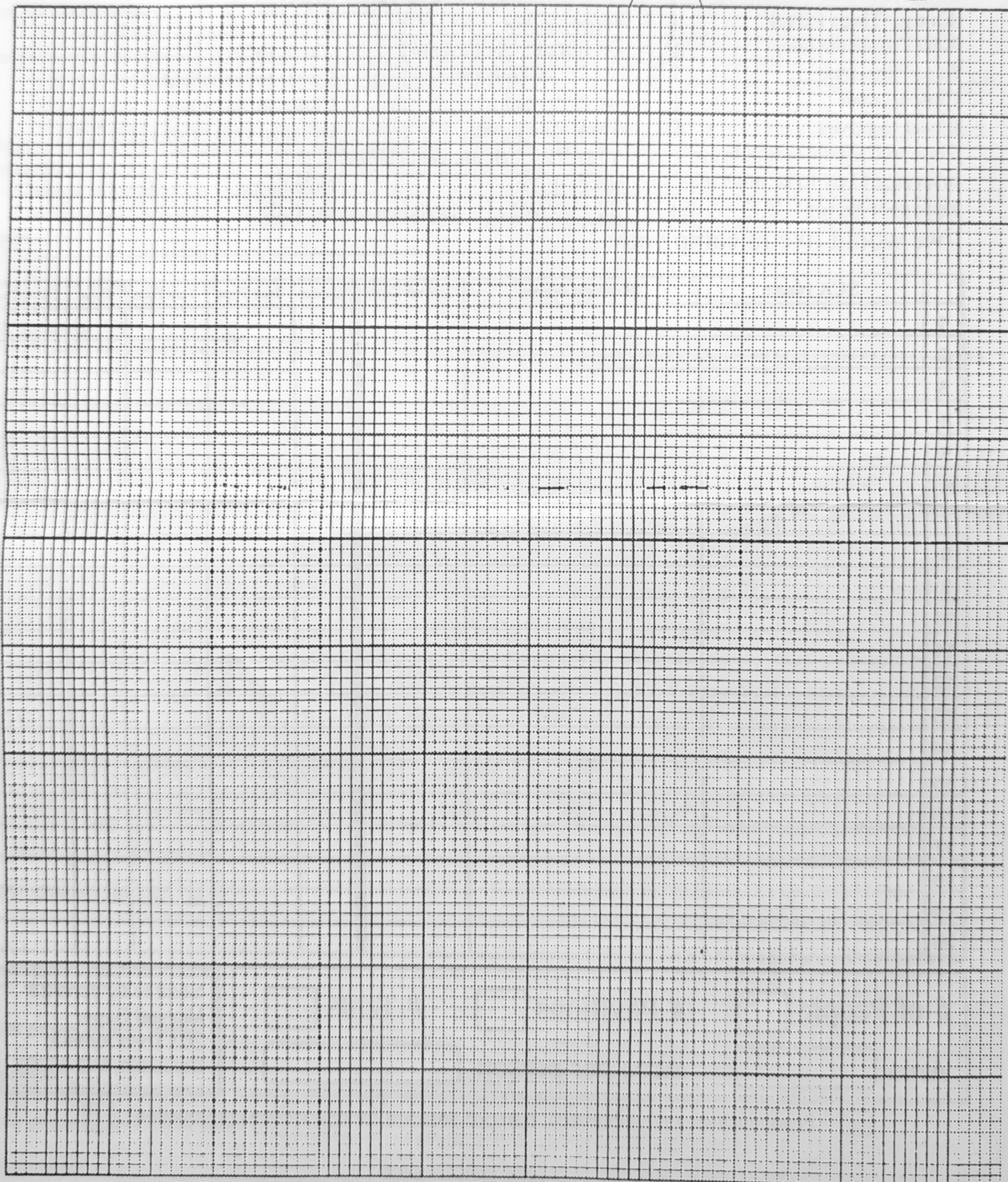
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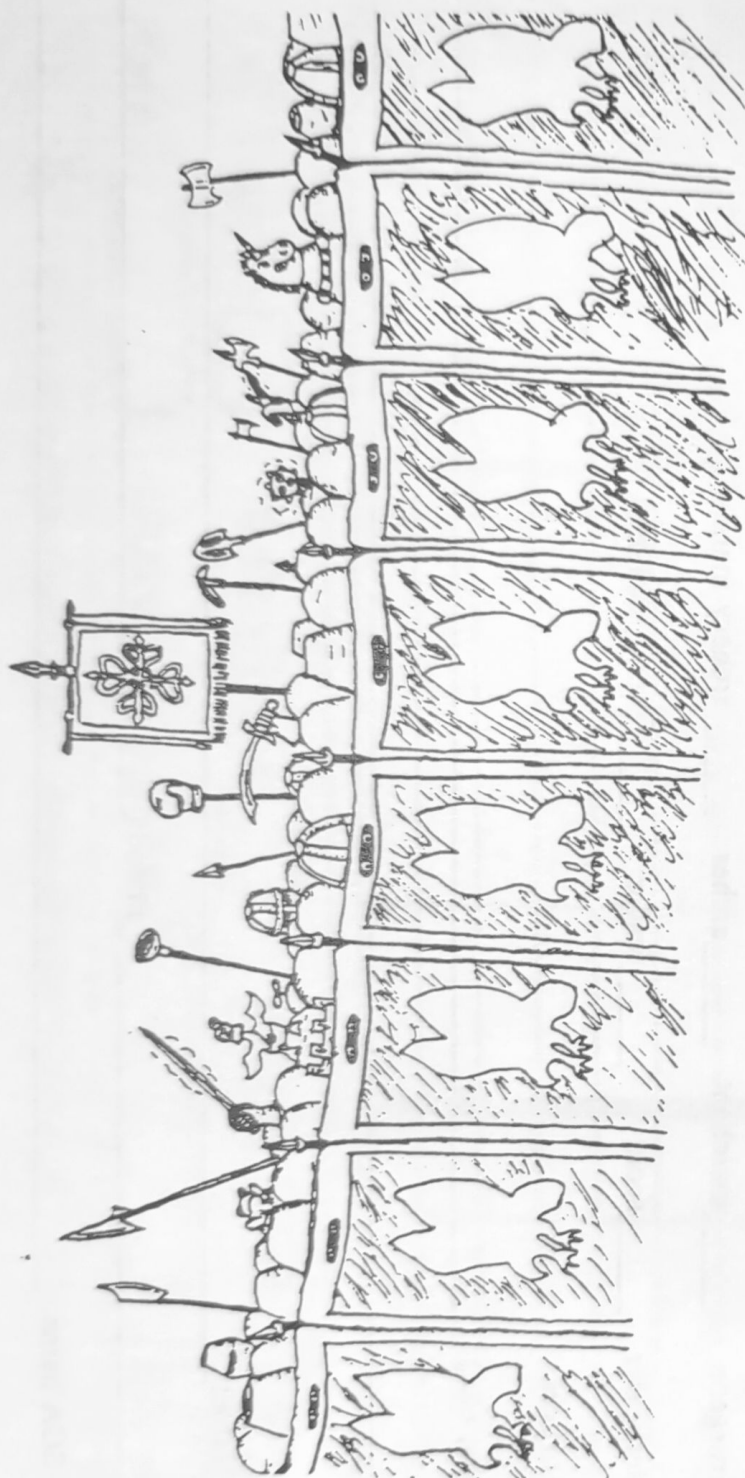
Calontir - Pennsic XXI Registration Map

Group name: _____



Scale: 1 foot per square





HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE

Courtesy of Viscount Master Brumbar von Schwartzburg

- JUNE , 1541** - After spending the winter on the Gulf of Mexico near Mobile, Hernando deSoto, with 600 men and 213 horses pushed northward, crossing the Mississippi River near Memphis, then to the northwest. They spent the month of June exploring the Ozarks before moving on to eastern Oklahoma, where they spent the winter.
- JUNE 3, 1098** - First Crusade: Following a long siege, a Crusader army under the leadership of Bohemund captured the city of Antioch. Antioch soon became the center of the "Norman" principalities in the Holy Land under its first prince, Bohemund of Taranto.
- JUNE 5, 1249** - A French Crusader army under the leadership of King Louis landed on the west bank of the Nile River, taking the city of Damietta unopposed. The Crusaders then advanced toward Cairo. The Crusaders vanguard was quickly destroyed by Mamluk forces under the leadership of a young commander named Baybars. The Mamluks forced the French Crusaders into a retreat, then by keeping up a steady pursuit, the starving French were soon forced into surrender.
- JUNE 7, 1494** - Portugal and Spain signed the Treaty of Tordesillas, moving the demarcation line established by the papal bulls of 1493 to 370 leagues west of the Cape Verde Islands. It is not known whether Portuguese mariners had already discovered the coast of Brazil, but in any case this treaty gave Portugal the right to claim Brazil.
- JUNE 8, 793** - Norsemen (Vikings) sacked the monastery at Lindisfarne. To many, this marks the beginning of the Viking Age, which came to an end 250 years later at Stamford Bridge.
- JUNE 10, 1190** - Emperor Frederick I, Barbarossa, while leading his army to the Holy Land during the Third Crusade, drowned in the Suleph River in Cilicia.
- JUNE 11, 1493** - Columbus set sail on his second voyage to the New World with more than 1200 men and 17 ships.
- JUNE 15, 1215** - King John of England is forced by the Barons to sign the Magna Carta at Runnymede on the Thames.
- JUNE 16, 1426** - Battle of Aussig. The German city of Aussig on the River Elbe, was besieged by some 25,000 Hussites. On hearing of the approach of a German relief army, the Hussites broke off the siege and drew up on Behani Hill, forming a wagenburg. The German relief army, some 12,000 to 20,000 men, attacked the wagenburg. The Germans were met by a wall of gunfire, crossbow bolts, arrows and stones. The Hussites then counterattacked, routing the German army. The Hussites pursued, and because of an earlier German threat to take no prisoners, the Germans were executed when captured. Aussig fell to the Hussites as its garrison attempted to escape. The city was burned so thoroughly that it remained uninhabited for three years.
- JUNE 17, 1579** - Francis Drake, the English sea captain, left England in December 1577 with five ships. His purpose was to raid the Spanish along the Pacific coast of the Americas. He became the first Englishman to pass through the Straits of Magellan. With only one ship, the Golden Hind, he moved north along the coast of the Americas. On June 17, 1580, he discovered San Francisco Bay. Drake sailed northward, claiming for England the area as far north as Washington. He named this area New Albion. Unable to find a passage back to the Atlantic, he set out across the Pacific, arriving back in Plymouth in September of 1580.
- JUNE 20, 1277** - Baybars, the "Savior of Islam", became violently ill following a feast in Damascus. He suffered through three days of agony before dying on June 20 at the age of 50.
- JUNE 20, 1306** - English forces under the command of Aymer de Valence, Earl of Pembroke, attacked the Scottish forces of Robert I (the Bruce) in a wood near Methven. Bruce escaped capture by taking to the hills and spent many months living as an outlaw. He was pursued not only by the English, but also by many of the Scottish chieftains eager to collect the sizable reward offered by King Edward II. During the battle, many of Bruce's senior commanders and family were captured, tried and executed. Even the female members of the Bruce's family

were sent to the dungeons, with the Countess of Buchan, who had crowned Bruce at Scone, being kept in an iron cage.

JUNE 23 - 24, 1314 - Battle of Bannockburn: Edward II, King of England, gathered the contingents of his army at Wark on the 10th of June, 1314. By the 17th, an army of some 100,000 men with 2,000 - 3,000 cavalry and 20,000 archers and spearmen, set out towards the border to relieve the siege of the royal fortress of Stirling. The English met little resistance until their advance troops reached the stream of Bannock, two miles south of Stirling. The forces of Robert the Bruce consisted of less than a quarter of the English army. He had, perhaps, 5,000 infantry and 500 cavalry. In addition he had gathered several thousand auxiliaries from the surrounding countryside. Bruce's best troops were his spearmen, trained to fight in a stationary defensive formation called a schiltron. The Scots, expecting the battle to open with an English cavalry charge, protected their front by digging small pits and covering them with branches and turf. They scattered the areas between the pits with hundreds of caltrops.

The first English troops to arrive were the young and inexperienced knights. Eager for their first taste of glory, they did not wait for the remainder of the army to deploy, but charged through the shallow stream toward the Scottish positions. They were met by small groups of Scottish troops out reconnoitering the area before their positions. It was here that Sir Humphrey de Bohun found Robert the Bruce. De Bohun lowered his lance and charged. Bruce side-stepped his horse, and as de Bohun passed, swung his battle-ax, splitting de Bohun's helm and skull. The initial charge of the English cavalry was a complete failure. The remainder of this ill-fated day was to see another English cavalry charge, led by Clifford and de Beaumont. This charged ran directly into a trap set by Bruce's army. Few survived, and some returned to the main army. The rest made their way to Stirling castle.

The following morning, Sunday, June 24, Midsummer's Day, as the English began to take up positions, they found three Scottish divisions already advancing toward them. Edward recklessly ordered the Earl of Gloucester to lead his cavalry forward. The Scottish spearmen stood their ground, and soon Gloucester, along with many of the best of the English chivalry, were impaled on the 12' spears of the Scottish schiltrons. Meanwhile, the Welsh and English archers were still in their night positions and could only fire over the heads of the charging English cavalry. Bruce's spearmen pressed on, forcing the English cavalry into the marshy ground where they found it very difficult to manoeuvre. When the English archers were at last assembled, their torrents of arrows began to fall on the Scottish schiltrons, but before they could break the spearmen's ranks, Bruce's cavalry charged through them from the rear, cutting them to pieces. Bruce then called in his reserves. The great mass of peasants joined the conflict. Rushing amongst the English knights trapped in the marsh, they killed and plundered the English chivalry where they sank into the sodden peat. Sensing defeat, Edward's army broke and fled.

Next to Hastings, Bannockburn was the greatest and most humiliating English defeat in medieval history. The Earl of Gloucester, six barons, 200 knights and thousand of common soldiers were killed that day. The Earls of Hereford and Angus plus some 70 knights were captured and held for ransom.

JUNE 24, 1497 - John Cabot, an Italian sea captain, commissioned by the English Henry VII to find a sea route to the Indies, sighted the North American continent, probably Newfoundland, and claimed the area for England.

JUNE 27, 1499 - Amerigo Vespucci, an Italian navigator sailing on a Spanish expedition led by Alonso de Ojeda, sights the South American coast around the mouth of the Amazon River.

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June 4 - Weekly Meeting at 8:00 pm in McMillan Cafeteria

June 7 - Fighter's Practice at 1:30 on Washington University campus.

Archery Practice at 10:00 am at Forest Park's Archery Range.

June 10 - Fighter Practice at 6:30 pm on Washington University campus.

June 10 - 14 - LILIES WAR - Summer Queens Versus Winter Queens. This war will be held at Smithville Lake, approximately 25 miles north of Kansas City. The site is Kelsey Short Youth Camp on Smithville Lake. Directions to the site for us folk from Three Rivers - I-70 west to Kansas City and I-35 north. I-35 north to exit at Highway 92 west. At Highway E, turn north (right), cross the arm of the lake and look for camp on the right. There will be fighting, archery and missile weapons, a bocce tournament, a Boar Hunt. There will be children's activities and Arts & Sciences Classes each day of the event.

June 11 - Weekly Meeting at 8:00 pm in McMillan Cafeteria

June 14 - Fighter Practice at 1:30 on Washington University campus

Archery Practice at 10:00 at Forest Park's Archery Range

June 17 - Fighter Practice at 6:30 on Washington University campus

June 18 - Weekly Meeting at 8:00 pm in McMillan Cafeteria

June 21 - Fighter Practice at 1:30 on Washington University campus

Missile Weapon Practice at 1:00 pm - SITE TO BE ANNOUNCED

June 24 - Fighter Practice at 6:30 on Washington University campus

June 25 - Weekly Meeting at 8:00 in McMillan Cafeteria

June 27 - Midsummer Fair in Spinning Winds - Site is Pottorf Hall in CiCo Park, Manhattan Kansas. There will be fighting, a quest, Arts and Sciences competition, Archery. The Ministry of Children will hold activities, including a children's bardic with Mistress Morgana. Directions for us folk from Three Rivers. I-70 west past Kansas City and Topeka to Highway 177 north. Highway 177 to Kimball. Left on Kimball, past Rt. 113 to Avery. Pottorf Hall and CiCo Park will be on your left. There is limited crash space, so reserve early. There is camping available at Tuttle Creek Lake which is nearby.

June 28 - Fighter Practice at 1:30 on Washington University campus.

Archery Practice at 10:00 am at Forest Park's Archery Range

July 3 - 5 - Interkingdom and Royal University Session in Bois d'Arc.

July 12 & 13 - Summer War Maneuvers

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