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MEETING INFORMATION

Weekly Meeting: Wednesdays, 6:30PM 9:00PM

Webster Groves Masonic Temple
12 E. Lockwood Ave.

Webster Groves, MO 63119

(Masks, proof of vaccination or neg. Covid-19 test
REQUIRED for entry at this time)

Officers Meeting (via Zoom)

1st Monday of the Month: 7:00PM

(See Baronial Facebook Page for Zoom invitation)

FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

Unto the Populace of the Barony of Three Rivers, Our family and friends, come Our greetings to you. For two years we have been at war with a relentless foe, this great plague, but as Our previous Crown reminded us, we are dauntless. Even through this longest of winters, we have gathered and shared stories, ideas, and learning, and trained with one another. Your perseverance and camaraderie have allowed Three Rivers to continue to grow. Over the past several months, we've seen friends recognized, welcomed new fighters to the list fields, and shown the Barony's skill in arts and sciences to the Kingdom and the known world.

We would like to express our gratitude to Our officers who have served terms longer than expected and been flexible and creative in performing their duties. To Our populace, thank you for continuing to hold the SCA close in your hearts. We know that this has been a hard couple of years for all of us, and We want you all to know that We are here for you.

It is with hope and joy that We look forward to the coming months. In February We will celebrate with an Anglo-Saxon gathering of the Chieftains before heading to the south for Gulf Wars in March. Shortly thereafter, Three Rivers will have the honor of hosting the Calontir Crown Tournament to select the next heirs of the Kingdom. Sprinkle in Queen's Prize, Clothier's Seminar and a host of other events, and spring should be a wonderful season.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon. Please be safe out there.

Duncan and Gwendolyn
Ealdorman and Baroness

MAKE A KINGDOM AWARD RECOMMENDATION!
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NOTES FROM THE EDITORS

Season's Greetings, friends!

I hope the holidays have been kind to you and your dear ones, and that the plague among us has either passed by your door, or if not, has been gentle in its visit and rapid in its departure.

This Winter issue of The Barge is humbly presented by your deputy Chronicler (me) due to the unexpected early arrival of our Chronicler Lady Tali Essen's twin daughters! As reported by their mother, the girls were born October 27, 2021, at 4:02 and 4:03PM, respectively; Genevieve at 3 pounds 1 ounce, and Gwendolyn at 4 pounds 1 ounce. After a stay in the NICU, the twins were welcomed home on November 22nd by big sister, Alexandria, along with Mom and Dad.



I hope you enjoy our Winter-themed edition of The Barge!

With fond regards,
THL Gwynneth wraig Rhys

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clothiers' Seminar (Postponed)	TBA
Queen's Prize (Postponed)	TBA
Winter War Maneuvers	Sat., Feb. 19; Wichita, KS
Chieftains	Sat., Feb. 26; St. Louis, MO
Gulf Wars	Mar.12 – 20, Lumberton, MS
Spring Crown Tournament	Apr. 8 – 10, Elsberry, MO

HONORS AND AWARDS

Fall Crown List, Oct. 9, 2021

Hertog Hirsch Ross Eichmann and Hertogin Magdalena vander Meere – Prince and Princess of Calontir
Giancomo dalla Fattoria dello Stato – Stile Hirth
Yseult de Michel – Leather Mallet

Gryphon's Fest, Oct. 23, 2021

Alys Knighton, aka Apple – Golden Calon Swan
Kenda Óttarsdóttir – Leather Mallet
Nadya Helming – Stile Fyrd
Michael Ledger, aka Redboots – Torse
Hugo van Harlo – victor, Steel

Toys for Tots, Nov., 20, 2021

Grimwulf Harland – Court Baronage
Yseult de Michel – most toys; individual (515)
Yngvarr Bjarnakarl – victor, archery tournament
Barony of Three Rivers – most toys; group (968)

Kris Kinder, Dec. 11, 2021

Mjoll Úlfarsdóttir – Torse

Pádraigín an Einigh – victor, A&S competition

Final Court: Their Majesties Lucien and Tamar, Jan. 8, 2022

Gwendolyn verch Morgaine and Jon Chesey – Queen’s
Endorsement of Distinction for Courtesy

First Courts of Their Majesties, Hirsch and Magdalena, Jan. 8, 2022

Morning Court

Nadyha Helming – Queen’s Champion.

Wilhelm von Brandt – King’s Champion.

Ravasz János – Thegn

Kajsa Nikulasdotter – Thegn

Cecilia de Gatisbury – Their Majesties’ Chamberlain

Afternoon Court

Marius Lucianus Fidelis – Duchy and Augmentation of Arms

Attia Albia Tammara – County and Augmentation of Arms

Rhianwen ferch Bran ap Gruffydd – the General of the Army



DOOM AND CHILL DREAD

SHOSHANA BAS NACHMAN

Doom and chill dread: Returns the Cold Drake.
His bitter-most breath burns what small tilth,
What aught in the earth the autumn hath left.
Will famine or food be left for the folk?

Chill is the breath that blows from the beast.
For babes and the eld, the bite is most bitter.
Svalr the Iss-wyrm savors the sundry
Death and deep dark adrift in the land.

Drawn by the need, newly anointed,
Thick in thew, Thane of the Sun
Rodhul-nidhr Bright-helm arrives in the realm,
His long ash aligned on limb of the beast.

Iss-wyrm the Ancient blows frigid air
Hoping to hinder the spear and the helm.
Geisl-ash glimmers, aglint in the light.
Strikes Sunna-sonr! Sore in the vitals
Of Ice-bringer Svalr lies iron and ash.

Summer-thane strides thence in success.
The folk will live fair and fortune return.
But the wyrm is but wounded. The world is yet his.

Norse themes bent to a seasonal metaphor; this piece is done in the style of 9th-C. Beowulf (Old English), alliterative verse: Each line contains a natural pause between half-lines. Each half-line contains two strong beats (and any number of weak beats); among the four strong beats, three must alliterate: They share the same initial consonant sound (with any initial vowel-sound counted as the empty consonant). (I broke strict Germanic alliterative rules by alliterating /st/ with /s/ in the last stanza.)

A few words borrowed from Norse:

(https://www.vikingsofbjornstad.com/Old_Norse_Dictionary_E2N.shtml)

svalr = cold

iss = ice

geisl = light beam

rodhul = sun

sunna = sun

sonr = son

nidhr = son, kinsman



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