



You need to know!

-Lilies -Populace meetings

-Events

-Court reports

You want to see!

-Farewell from our dear former

Baroness and **Baron**;

-Advice for new players by the lovely

Syele;

-The astounding and humorous origin story of Baron Giacomo

and

-Meet the new Baroness!

Photo: Brighid Ingen Donngaile

You should relax!

- "World Awakening" by Shoshannah bas

Nachman

-A quote

-Corrigenda!

-and-

Meet your new punters!

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Populace Meetings

(as stolen from the Barony of Three Rivers website and written by His Lordship Jon Chesey)

The Barony of Three Rivers meets weekly for populace meetings. These meetings typically include a short business meeting in which we remind everyone of upcoming events, make requests for assistance, and other items of interest to the populace. Our Arts & Sciences officer arranges for someone to teach a brief class each week. We also hold practices for both armored and steel fighting.

If you are new to the barony, this is a great way to get started and meet everyone. These meetings are intended to be low-key. Many people simply come to hang out and chat. While some choose to wear garb, it absolutely not required!

Come as you are--- we're happy to see you!

We currently meet at the Masonic Lodge at 12 East Lockwood, Webster Groves Missouri, 63119 Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. The entrance to the parking lot west of the building is on Lockwood and shares parking with the City Hall and Police Station. Combat is outside so long as weather and sunlight permit. The SCA has use of the first floor gym, kitchen, and the ladies lounge.

NOTICE: In response to the COVID pandemic, attendees at events, which includes our weekly meetings are required to have proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID test from a medical provider, within the past 72 hours. In addition, masks are required at all times when indoors.

Calontir Events

4/23: Masters of the Duel, Shire of Standing Stones

4/29 - 5/1: Unslung Heroes, Aston Tor

5/7: War College, Amlethsmor

5/21: Queen's Prize, Melees & Mayhem, Crescent Moon

5/27 - 5/30: Valor, Vatavia

6/17 - 6/26: Lilies War, Three Rivers

7/16: Kingdom A&S

Not-too-distant Midrealm Events

5/20-22: Crystal Chamfron, Shattered Crystal

6/4: Three Saints, Barony of Rivenstar

6/10-12: Ragnarok: Baldur's Bash

6/18: Martial RUM — Gods of War!, Narrental

7/11-12 : Tyger Hunt & Ale to the Victors, Roaring Wastes

NEWS

Events in Court

At Chieftains, February 26:

Baronial Court:

Sil of Three Rivers was made a Tributary of Three Rivers Emily, Elvard's Daughter was made a Tributary of Three Rivers

Mjoll Úlfarsdóttir stepped down as Baronial Champion of Arts & Sciences and as Baronial Minister of Arts & Sciences

Kenda Ottarsdóttir was invested as Baronial Champion of Arts & Sciences

Syele Pfeifferin was invested as Baronial Minister of Arts & Sciences

Royal Court:

Giacomo dalla Fattoria dello Stato was awarded a Torse

Ruaidhri ua Ceallaigh, awarded a Torse

Lawrence of Three Rivers, awarded a Torse

Einarr Freyviðr, awarded Arms

Brighid Ingen Donngaile, awarded Arms

Amba Allrasystir was awarded the Calon Cross

Atia Albia Tamara was invested as Countess and received her County scroll

Lucian Fidelis was elevated to Duke

Conde Fernando Rodriguez de Falcon begged the boon of Gwendolyn verch Morgaine's elevation to Laurel

Crown Tourney Royal Court, April 9:

As her last official act in office, Baroness Gwendolyn bestowed an order of patronage upon Lady Elisabetta di Tres Fiumi.

Duncan Eardstapa and Gwendolyn verch Morrigan stepped down as Baron and Baroness of Three Rivers and were made Court Baron and Court Baroness, respectively.

Giacomo dalla Fattoria dello Stato and Nadya Helming were invested as Baron and Baroness of Three Rivers, respectively.

Thorfinnr MacDomnhaill was awarded Arms.

Isabol Cunningham of Three Rivers was awarded Arms for the third time. Someone needs to paint this babe as Kali, stat.



Photo by Shoshanah bas Nachman

Calontir has Royal Heirs! Logan and Ylva

As recounted by Shoshannah bas Nachtman

Crown Tourney of April LVI was a glorious weekend (immediately following an evening of hail and snow-showers), held in a site we were using for the first time (Skyway All Event Venue, north of Troy). The site has a largish pond (small lake) with walking path around it, broad greenspaces for much camping and multiple list fields, a few cabins and an onsite kitchen, and even provision for equestrian events.

Seven contestants fought for the Calontir crown, with a crowd of about 250. The Knight Marshall proclaimed it an event suffused with honor in all the rounds. Final victor was Sir Duncan Bruce of Logan Goði, inspired by Mistress Ylva Jönsdottir Jarless.

The last bout, two rounds out of three, was particularly tense, with Sir Logan facing Sir Gavin O'Shannon in what His Majesty declared would be rounds of Greatsword, followed by Sword & Shield, and, if needed, Sword & Buckler.

In the first round, Sir Logan's leg was taken by Sir Gavin—but then Sir Logan, on his knees, felled Sir Gavin with an up-thrust with his greatsword. In the second round, Sir Gavin bested Sir Logan. For the third round, Sir Logan immediately lost a leg again. And then, again, on his knees, he scored past Sir Gavin's buckler, winning the Tourney.





EDITORS' NOTE: On April 8th, we said farewell to Gwendolyn verch Morrigan and Duncan Eardstapa as Baron and Baroness of Three Rivers. Below are their farewell letters to the populace.

A LETTER OF FAREWELL FROM OUR FORMER BARONESS by Gwendolyn verch Morrigan

Greetings unto our Dearest Barony;

This is our final missive as the Baron and Baroness of Three Rivers. It has been our greatest honor and privilege to serve the people of Three Rivers. We have found great joy in watching people find their place in the SCA. Seeing them grow and learn, make lasting friendships and find new interests. We are very proud of what we have accomplished in our time. Even through the pandemic, Three Rivers' wordfame spread across the Known World for hosting a fun, encouraging, and inclusive Friday night Bardic session. We hosted many parties at Lilies, with tasty food and beverages, watching fireworks and singing into the wee hours. We hosted so many events and had so much fun! We would like to thank all of the officers who have served during our time, all of our champions, all of our event stewards, crew chiefs, and volunteers, and all of Our populace. Thank you for your great trust in us.

By the time you read this our successors, Nadya and Giacomo, will have been invested as the new Baronage. We are confident that they will serve Three Rivers well. We are extremely proud and happy to have so many fine choices. Thank you to all of the pairs who put forth their intent to serve as the new baronage of Three Rivers. We are certain that the Barony will be in excellent hands.

We love Three Rivers with all our hearts. We will continue to remain active and involved with the Barony, the Kingdom, and the Society. We look forward to the future.

Yours ever in service, Baroness Gwendolyn and Ealdorman Duncan



Photo credit: Sancha leStrange

Five winters have passed,
Flowed by like Our Rivers,
Since Their Majesties called us to serve,
Sit upon the gift-stools.
We have endured ill winds,
Rejoiced with Our family,
Wept with our friends,
And watched as Lillies grew,
Arrows flew, wars raged and hammers were forged.
Now with heavy heart but light mind,
We call our kin, raise our voices to be heard.

Our liege lord and lady,
Will soon release us from oaths, call others
to the high chairs of Three Rivers.
What strength we have,
What grace we have learned,
Is born of Our people and
Will ever after be given in support of them.
Was Thu Hal!!!

Duncan & Gwendolyn
Ealdorman & Baroness Three Rivers

Becoming Giacomo

The story of my persona

By Baron Giacomo of Three Rivers

I was at my second SCA event eve, a *Warriors and Warlords* in Northshield with a bunch of my friends. My buddy Rolan pulled me in front of the fairly large group we were camping with, quite a few of whom I didn't know yet. "Hey everybody, this is Jake. He's pretty new to the SCA and doesn't have a name yet.", he said.

Without missing a beat, one of my other friends piped up from the back, "Is that Jake from State Farm?" This elicited laughter from everyone.

Before I knew it, people I didn't even know were calling me "Jake from State Farm"! The name stuck so fast, I didn't know what to do! It's a good thing I thought it was funny too, or I'd have had quite the time getting rid of it. So I decided to roll with it. I'd always enjoyed the Italian aspects of the Renaissance and the Italian language, so decided to model my persona in that direction.

My SCA name is "Jake from State Farm", translated into Italian. Giacomo dalla Fattoria dello Stato



translates literally as "Jacob of the farm of the state". As the gag originated with the TV commercial for State Farm, I decided that my garb would be a red doublet with khaki pants, just like the guy in the commercial. I was already a fencer at the time, so thought my persona could be a sort of traveling bodyguard, providing protection from harm for a fee... sort of like providing "insurance". In period, rapier fighting wasn't really a respectable activity until the late 1500s to early 1600s, which led me to a late-period time frame.

As much as I enjoy history, my favorite part of the SCA is the *creative* part of reenactment. I like taking the real aspects of the Middle Ages and doing something creative, interesting, and sometimes, humorous with it. It's been nearly ten years since I came up with my persona, and I still get a kick out of it when people get the joke!

NEW BARON AND BARONESS. WHO, PRITHEE, MIGHT THIS BE?



"Nadya" is a Verb. Meet the New Baroness! text by Her Excellency Nadya Helming

I was born in the early 1400s in Germany. My father traveled the Silk Road, which is where I met my husband Li Jun Quan. He is Chinese, and together we have two wonderful little boys, named Jackson and Carter.

In my time traveling, I have enjoyed learning the arts of embroidery and illumination. I have had to rely on my sword skills to get us out of scrapes. I was fortunate enough to be noticed by Master Donald MacDonald, who saw fit to take me on as his provost.

I am now honored to have been chosen as Baroness of Three Rivers and to serve alongside my good friend Baron Giacomo dalla fattoria dello Stato.

This is a Marathon, Not a Sprint: Advice for the New Quester

by Baroness Syele Pffeferin, AOA, Minister of Arts and Science

As you attend your first events and marvel at all the wonders this society provides you... keep a few thoughts close to your heart.

Firstly, you don't have to rush. There's time to relax, and I encourage you to relax often. There's no need to choose a name today, and it doesn't matter what you wear so long as you are happy. Most importantly you don't need to define who you want to be, use this time to explore who you can be. Take years if you want and try everything, let no person tell you who you are! This society is a wonderous entity with something for everyone. Don't worry if your "thing" isn't obvious in the beginning — that's okay.

Secondly, try something new and scary! There is more to the SCA than can be imagined at first glance. At your fingertips there is fighting, the arts, and the sciences. While you're learning take notes: you'll never know when someone will want that knowledge. Don't be afraid to speak up, no matter how new you are, YOUR voice matters. Like everywhere in life, there will be people you love and some you can't stand. Wherever individuals fall on that scale, and no matter what title they hold, treat all your fellow SCAdians with respect and expect nothing less than the same.

Thirdly, be cautious with your words and actions. As life has taught us, words hold weight and actions cannot be undone. We all make mistakes, to be human is to err, but remember when mistakes inevitably happen, be honest, own up and never be afraid to reach out. Your fellow SCAdians have all been new to the society at one time in their lives, from Kings and Queens, to merchants and teachers, and all of us in between. We know it can get overwhelming and we are all here for you, rooting for you. All of us from every part of the known world want you here, we want you to enjoy yourself and to grow within the Society for that purpose. Your local Chatelaine is an ocean of knowledge, a fantastic guide through your first days. Any questions you have — if they can't answer them, they definitely know a member who can.

Lastly, speaking for all of us, if ever you need us, we are here.

Yours in Service. Baroness Syele Pfeifferin.

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"World Awakening"

A poem by Shoshanah bas Nachman fun Magenza

lcy armor covers earth.

Soft blows from Sunna sunder the garb.

Rivulet rises up out from rime,

hawk soars a-hunting what was under hoar,

and otter plays angler, stream-glimmers eating.

Fields from the fall prove fecund and green,

with grain busy growing promise of grandeur.

With weather a-warming comes training for war.

Giver of gold calls out for new glory.

"Ancient our honor, and known by our allies:

Now forward the Fyrd, our foe to oppose!

Battle-brands burning bright in the sun,

shape up the shield-wall, war-doors shining!

Steadfast and striving, stories to forge,

singing new songs to make our hearts soar.

Home come as heroes, hailing our deeds!"

Fellowhood feasting,
bardic arts bringing,
Further afield,
boldly and bravely
of hart for his hind,
ire of antlers
Watching and waiting,
features her fawn

singing at fire,
bonding together.
in depth of the forest,
sounds out the belling
marking the wood his:
clashing in ear.
doe knows the world
happily feeding.



Winged deer with forget-me-nots, from Jean Froissart, Chroniques, Netherlands (Bruges), c. 1470-1472, via the British library.

Hindsight in Denmark: a Quote with Stars and Daggers:

"Doubt that the stars are fire,*

†Ophelia, draw your own conclusion, dear.



"And after all that, they never did figure out who shouted 'MacIntyre."

[&]quot;Doubt that the sun doth move**,

[&]quot;Doubt Truth to be a liar,***,

[&]quot;But never doubt I love."†

^{*}They are, my love, but not the way you think.

^{**}It does, my dear, but not the way it seems.

^{***}Oh, reader, where shall I begin? Not here.

CORRECTIONS

In an earlier printing of this edition of this chronicle, I, Sil, not only got Baroness Syele's title wrong, I accidentally deleted Lady Lisabetta's Baronial Patronage during editing. I am so very sorry about this.

The Barge also stated that a certain ex-baroness of ours to be a were-capybara.

The *Barge* would like to apologize for this error and any confusion springing therefrom. It is unknown which form of lycanthropy our dear former baroness rejoices in, er, suffers from. We ask that any large, semi-aquatic sentient rodent-like beings stop trampling our cabbages on or around the full moon, as we were thinking of entering sauerkraut for an A & S competition.

A statement of intent:

From your Co-Chroniclers Friendly Neighborhood Bilge Rats:

As the newly-appointed caretakers of the Barge, we pledge to give the Barony a record of news important to us all, a source of information, and an outlet for creative impulses. We pledge to honor all members of the populace and do our best to prepare a publication worthy of your attention.

It is our intent, over the next few weeks, to read aloud the articles found in these pages over on our Youtube channel. At the time of this publishing, it's quite barren. Come and see how we're doing!

Shoshanah says:

I'm both old and new to the Barony: Arrived 22 years ago, enjoyed the company for two years, then grew into other pursuits. And gradually realized that all my close friends were members of the Barony—so I climbed back on, and I'm having a ball of a time! Mean to share my enthusiasm with you all.

Sil says:

I have never liked smiling. It has never felt natural to me. I have these weird teeth, half-horse, half-rabbit, set in the jaw of a wolf and fronted with the incisors of a mole. The flesh and the bone are never of the same accord, and the words that spring to mind are not... pretty. Or natural. Rictus. Leer. Simper.

No, I have never much liked smiling, dear Barony. And yet... here you are.

I hope within these pages, you may find a smile unlooked-for, as I have found with you.



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