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Fool's Revel Event Laughing Success

If the amount of laughter was any indication, the Fool's Revel Event held on April 2, 2005 in the Barony of Selviargard was a rousing success. Almost 70 gentles turned out and participated in the general silliness that pervaded most aspects of the day. Their Excellencies, Fergus and Margarita held opening court, with words also from the visiting Prince and Princess, Buliwyf and Svana.

The Black Knight Rapier Tourney, of which Lord Nytsaed was victorious, followed Court. There was much laughter and taunting during that tournament. The Vorpall Bunny Spear Tournament was held shortly after. The antics of those bunnies were amazing to see! The fur was definitely flying, as well as the puns. Viscount Magnus was victorious with his very vicious bunny. Following the tournaments, Queens Guardsmen Canute accepted all challenges in the Queens honor.

Holy Grail Jeopardy was a rousing success, as many of the gentles (smalls and adults) attending participated in the competition. It was amazing the Monty Python and the Holy Grail trivia people knew!

Feast went well, with the many wonderful cooks that participated bringing a variety of contributions. Thank you to all who brought a dish to share. There was so much food, that an additional table had to be added to accommodate all the contributions.

Several of the competitions were held during feast as part of the entertainment. First up were the treasures with the coconut hoof beat competition. It was amazing to see all the prancing and running that was involved! Every child that participated received a prize. Next was the insult competition. All the contestants were good, but Yukiko's insults combined with that bad French accent was the winner. Be sure to ask Gunnar to show you his new bling-

bling that His Highness Buliwyf presented to him! Then there was the table dancing like you have never seen it before! All the groups that participated were much enjoyed, but the winning group was the one led by Canute, accepting a challenge from Isabel. Finally, there were the scene re-enactments. Hearing Georg play William Shatner play King Arthur in the Bridge of Death scene was hysterical, but the winning entry was the Witch scene lead by Elizabeth and Yukiko.

There was one other competition, for shrubberies in non-edible mode. The winning entry was Mistress Flannas' nice display of shrubberies (not too expensive) with a white picket fence. Thank you to all who participated in the variety of activities and competitions. The event would not have been nearly as successful without that participation!

Article written by Katarzina Porajski, Fools Revel autocrat.

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May 7th
May 21st
Demo
May 27th – 30th
May 28th – 29th
June 10th – 12th
June 11th
June 18th – 19th
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Demos
July 15 – 16th

Earngyld

Eskalya

Selviargard

Winters Gate

Hrafnsfjorder

Beast Valley

Selviargard

Eskalya

Selviargard

Hosted by Eskalya

May Day Event

Loussac Library

Baronial Birthday

Spring Captaincy

Highland Games

Summer Hunt

Summer Hunt

Viking Newcomers

Palmer/Sutton Library

Summer Coronet

Principality of Oertha Event Calendar

SPRING OFFENSIVE AND BARONIAL BIRTHDAY

Honors given by Buliwyf and Svana. Prince and Princess of Oertha at St. Brigid's Feast
February 5th

Date: May 27-30, 2005
Site: Little Susitna Campground, Houston AK
Open/Close: Friday 5pm – Monday 3pm
Site Fee: \$8 Adults
\$5 Children (6-12)
\$20 Family
Autocrat: Aislynn Dennard (Lynn Phipps) 575-9888

Princess' Escort
Gunnar Olfus

*** There will be a \$3 Non-Member Surcharge, please bring your membership card ***

Join us as we celebrate our Birthday and Spring Offensive event! Come all to the Spring Offensive Ball! Drag out your offensive garb and strut your stuff! Friday is the autocrats 50th birthday; we will have a barbeque celebration that evening. Please bring something to throw on the grill and a dish to share. The Saturday evening feast will be potluck with the meat provided so please bring a dish to share. Sunday evening bring your own meat and a dish to share. No other meals will be provided!

On Saturday, the Baronial Business meeting will be at 10AM, and the Baronial Rapier Championship will be at 1PM. There are other activities of course, including a wedding, a heavy prize tourney, War Maneuvers, The Second Annual Duchess Constantina Junk Garb Wars, Rock, and Pig Ball, as well as the Offensive Ball!

Contests include:

- * Junk Garb Wars (on Saturday, rules will be posted)
- * Edible Offensive Desserts (to be judged on Saturday, think subtleties!)
- * Best (or would it be worst!) Offensive Garb to be judged on Sunday
- * Best Medieval-Style Pun

Directions: Take your best route to the Parks Hwy. From the South, follow the Parks until you cross the Little Susitna River Bridge. Take the next right and follow the signs to the campground. From the North, follow the Parks until you see Miller's Landing to the left. Take the next left and follow the signs to the campground.

CAMPING FEES \$5.00 per campsite per night paid directly to the campground. Each campsite can hold two or three tents comfortably. First come, first serve.

Summer Hunt / Newcomers Event

Date: June 18-19, 2005
Site: Little Susitna Campground, Houston
Open/Close: Friday 5pm – Sunday 5pm
Site Fee: \$8 Adults
\$5 Children (6-12)
\$20 Family
Autocrat: Elisa bat Avraham
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Sound the trumpets! Sharpen your swords! A beast is loose in our woods and the Summer Hunt is afoot! We need your agility, your keen eye, your trackers and beaters, your hounds (your children cleverly disguised as hounds) to find and slay the beast who has invaded our territory. Afterwards we shall celebrate the hunt with feasting, dancing, bardic and contests.

Contests:

The Consort Relay Race: If you plan on participating in the hunt, your consort must participate in the race. How well does your consort know how to put on your armor?

The Hunt Running through the woods chasing the quarry, catch the quarry, what more is there to say?

The Hounds: The kids will be our "hounds" and help track and chase the beast through the woods. Prizes will be given for "Best Tracker, Best Howler and Best Overall Dog." Face painting and ears provided before hand to help with their dog-itude!

Create-A Favor: A table full of supplies, an hour to create a favor.

New Garb Contest: The contest is "Best garb for under \$25.00"; this will show newcomers that you don't need to spend a fortune to look good. Undergarments which are not visible and shoes don't have to be counted in the finished outfit for purposes of meeting the \$25.00 limit, although if you can manage to include them you'll get extra points. Entries must include an itemized list of materials and their costs. If you didn't buy an item, then please explain how you acquired it

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For Crying Out Loud!
THE HERALDS CORNER

("found in a dumpster", "my sister was throwing out her wedding dress", etc. (Description used by permission.)

Brewing: Two Divisions, two categories each.

Beers:
Darks
Ales
Cordials:
Herbed
Fruited

Rapier Double Elimination Tournament

Archery: The Baroness' Archery Champion will be decided on the field this day.

Feast: Saturday night will be a feast of Selviergard proportions! Feast will be potluck with the main meats and breads provided. Please bring a dish sufficient to feed 8-10 by your SCA first name as follows:

Salads/Veggies	A-G
Sides/Starches	H-M
Main Dish	N-R
Desserts	S-Z

Please note that all other meals are self-provided. We will have coffee and hot water for tea or hot cocoa provided.

Miscellany: Please note that the Selviergard Business Meeting will be conducted first thing Saturday morning before the festivities begin. Courts times to be determined. There will be SCA 101 Classes offered over the weekend for the newcomers and any one else wanting to refresh their memories. Saturday night will bring dancing and the bardic giving everyone a chance to recount the hunt and brag of their prowess.

Directions: From the south: Take your best route to the Parks Highway heading north. Travel to milepost 57.3, Armstrong Rd and turn right. Follow signs into the campground. (Look for the giant ice cream cone and turn right onto Armstrong Rd. If you go past the ice cream cone, you've gone too far!) From the north: Take your best route to the Parks Highway heading south. Travel to milepost 57.3, Armstrong Rd and turn left. Follow signs into the campground.

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FREQUENTLY GIVEN ANSWERS (That Are Wrong)

Only queens can use roses on their arms.

What is reserved to queens (and Companions of the Rose) are rose wreaths. Chaplets of roses are reserved to princesses. By extension, orles and bordures of roses are also reserved. Single and multiple roses of any tincture* are not reserved, and are registered all the time, so long as they don't look too much like a wreath.

* A rose tinctured gules and argent is an English royal badge, the "Tudor rose", and is not registerable in the Society.

Charges that have been previously registered in the Society are always OK to use.

The College of Arms' level of understanding of period heraldic practices has increased greatly over the years. A number of charges that have been registered in the past are now seen to be at odds with the heraldry of our period of study and are no longer accepted for registration.

You have to have an Award of Arms before you can register your heraldry. (Alternate version: You have to have an AoA before you can display your heraldry.)

Anyone may register heraldry. Until they receive an Award of Arms from the Crown, it is called a "heraldic device" instead of a "coat of arms". The two are registered and displayed identically; only the terminology changes when you become armigerous. N.B.: This is not a practice firmly based on

A bar sinister on a coat of arms shows that the bearer is a bastard.

This is wrong in at least two ways. First, there is no such thing as a "bar sinister" in heraldry. A bar is a narrow horizontal stripe, so there is no way for it to be sinister. Second, one of a number of marks of illegitimacy, well-known because it was used by some acknowledged bastards of the French crown, was the "bendlet sinister coupé overall", also called a "baton sinister". This is definitely not the only mark of illegitimacy used in period heraldry.

**by Master Gawain of Miskbridge
(with assistance from Lady Alanna of Volchevo Lesa,
Master Dmitrii Volkovich, and Master Da'ud ibn Auda)
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Business Meeting Report

The Barony of Selveirgard business meeting was held on Saturday, April 30 at the home of Morgan and Hilary. There were twenty-five adults in attendance, as well as many smalls. Many things were discussed at the meeting. The day-to-day functioning of the barony is going well and we have an extremely busy summer season ahead of us.

Please take the time to welcome Lucia as our new Chiurgeon. Her paperwork has been submitted to the Principality officer and she should be warranted soon. As we have been a Barony for almost two years, many officers are looking for deputies to either take the office, or to train as an emergency deputy. Please see the want ads for additional information of the specific offices.

Youth combat will be gearing up for the summer tourney season. Nytshaed will be heading up that program. We hope to have youth combat tournaments at the Baronial Birthday event at the end of this month. Anyone interested in helping with the youth combat, please contact either Nytshaed or Georg.

Our past two events made money, so it is looking really good for having a completely free Yule. (At previous meetings, it was discussed that we would increase the event fees slightly, so Yule could be completely free to everyone attending.) The Ides of March event made \$1.00 and the Fools Revel made \$128.00! Yeah Barony!

Arts and Sciences as a separate day will be cancelled for the summer season. We will be holding small A&S classes, such as Viking wire weaving, nalbinding, and stick weaving, at the events. If you have any suggestions for classes, please contact the Seneschal. Look for A&S days to start again in the fall.

We have five demos scheduled so far for the summer, with the possibility of three more. So far we have the Palmer & Sutton Library Summer Reading Program (SRP) scheduled June 30, Big Lake Library SRP July 28, and Willow Library SRP August 11. We will also be doing a demo for the Houston Founders Day, to be held on August 20. Elisa is in charge of coordinating the demos, so please contact her for any assistance you can give. Her email is momcatz@yahoo.com.

All events for this calendar year have autocrats. Thank you to those who have volunteered to autocrat an event this year. Without you, we would not have nearly as much fun as we do! And if you have never autocrated an event, take the time to offer your services to those that are. If we all share in the work, the burden is lighter for everyone.

The Baronial polling was discussed at the end of the business meeting. All members age 16 and older should have received the polling letter in the mail by this time. A copy of the letter has been posted on the Selveirgard email list, as well as the list of the candidates. For more information, please contact Their Highnesses at uerthancoronets@yahoo.com or the Kingdom Seneschal at seneschal@westkingdom.org. Please take the time to send in your recommendation, and be sure to include your phone number and email address.

Katarzina Porajski, OP, Selveirgard Seneschal

Job Opportunities

HERALD

Can you gain the attention of all around you with mere words? Does the thought of standing in front of everyone and speaking thrill you? Than you could be a Herald! The Baronial Herald is seeking a replacement. If interested, please contact the Herald or Seneschal.

LISTS MINISTER

Do you like to watch the fighting? Can you track who wins/loses? Than you could be a Lists Minister! The Baronial Lists Minister is seeking a replacement. If interested, please contact the Lists Minister or Seneschal.

SENESCHAL DEPUTY

Can you submit paperwork in a timely manner? Does the thought of being the responsible person for EVERYTHING not make you run screaming? Then you could be a Seneschal. The baronial seneschal is seeking a deputy to train into the position prior to stepping down in April of 2006. If interested, please contact the

EXCHEQUER DEPUTY

Do 2+2=4? You could be an Exchequer! The Baronial Exchequer is seeking a deputy for her position. If interested, please contact the Exchequer or Seneschal.

CHATELAINE WANTED

Do you like helping people new to the SCA find their way? Then you could be a Chatelaine. The position is currently vacant. If interested, please contact the

Items For Sale

Packing blankets suitable for gambeson use. \$20.00 each. Contact the Seneschal.

Wanted

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Your bits and bobs of leftover ribbon, trim, yarn, sequins, beads, buttons, bows, fabric; the list is endless, basically stuff to make favors!

I need to have your donations at least a week before Selviargard's Summer Hunt so I can sort them into appropriate containers for the "Make A Favor" contest being held at the event for the Newcomers.

Nothing is too odd, strange, weird, or uninteresting for this contest. Please contact me at 746.6157 or momcatz@yahoo.com and I'll make arrangements to pickup your donations.

Thanks!

DONATIONS REQUESTED

There will be a children's Arts and Crafts table at Summer Hunt. I need your help to stock the supplies. Why am I asking for donations instead of just buying the materials? Because we're in the SCA! We have hoards of artsy stuff in our homes. Look, spring is here, most of us will be cleaning out a closet or two and ask ourselves "Why the heck do I have 3 pairs of kid scissors, 27 crayons with no box and a half used pad of drawing paper? I thought I lost this stuff long ago!"

Why not give it to our kids and let it be used. Anyway, now you'll have room to stash the stuff you want to buy, for instance; fabric, armor, fabric, cooking gear, fabric, feast gear, fabric, camping gear, did I mention fabric?

I need to have your donations at least a week before hand so I can sort them into appropriate containers for the kids table.

Please contact me at 746.6157 or momcatz@yahoo.com and I'll make arrangements to pickup your donations.

Thanks!

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Fighter Practice: Friday Nights @ 6:30, Lord Canute's Manor. Please contact the Chronicler for directions

Baronial Business Meetings: 3rd Weekend alternating between different areas of the Barony – please contact the seneschal for day, time and location. When an event is scheduled, meeting will be at the event.

Arts / Sciences Day: Monthly during non-tourney season,