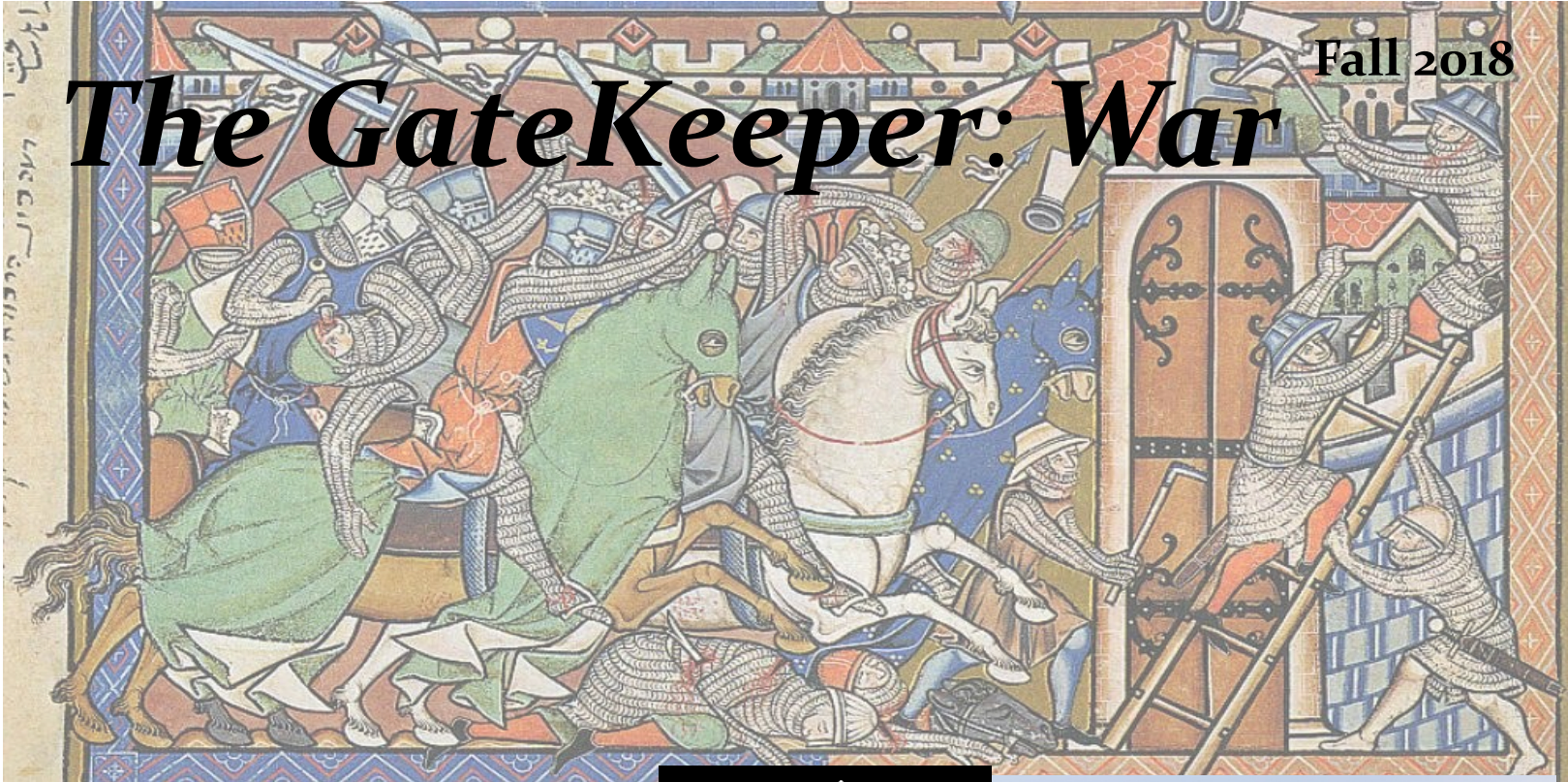
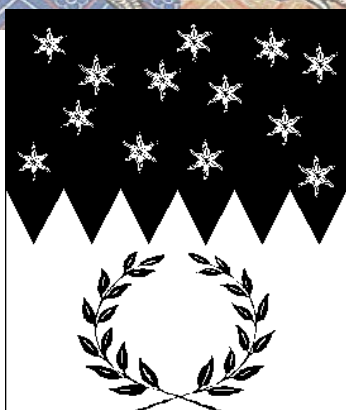


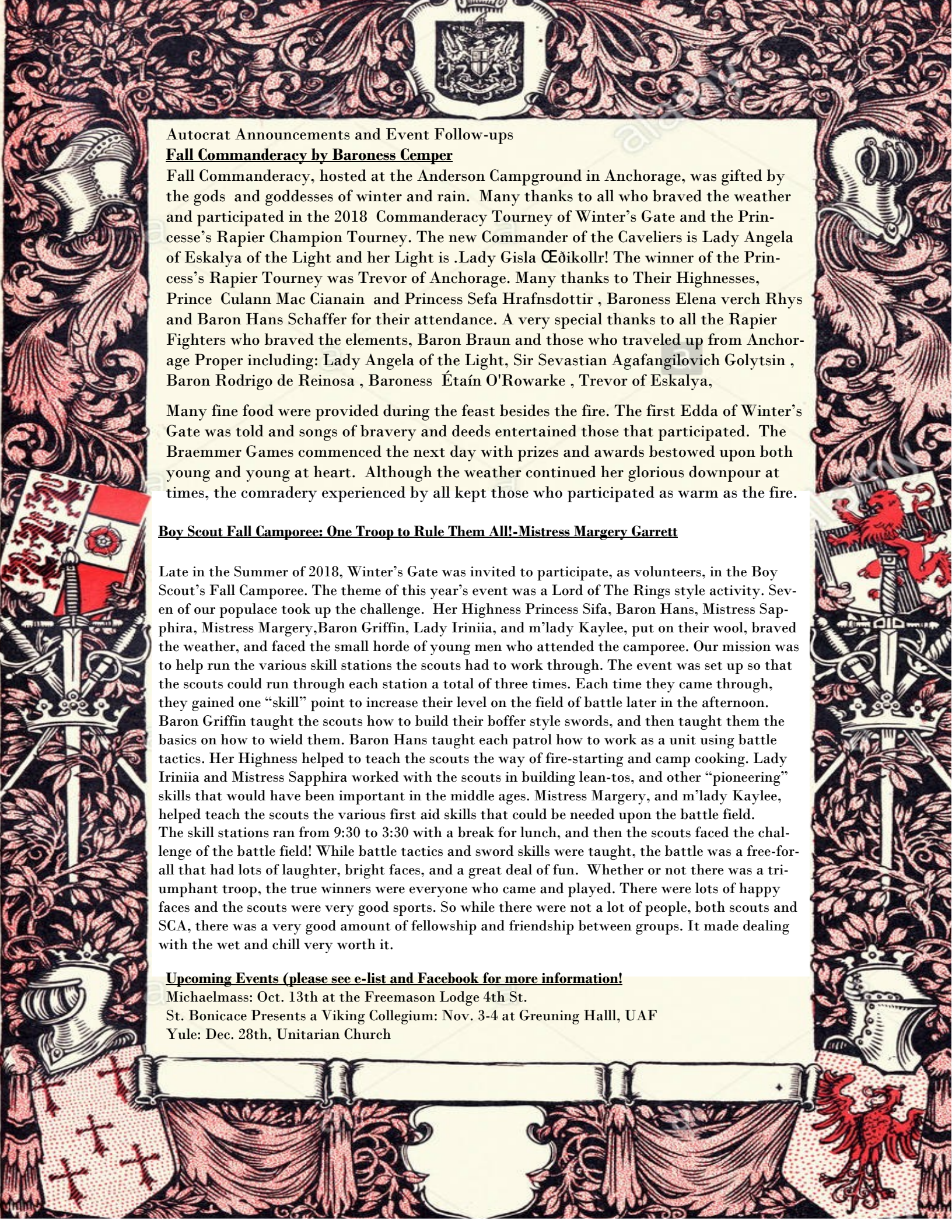
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Autocrat Announcements and Event Follow-ups

Fall Commanderacy by Baroness Cemper

Fall Commanderacy, hosted at the Anderson Campground in Anchorage, was gifted by the gods and goddesses of winter and rain. Many thanks to all who braved the weather and participated in the 2018 Commanderacy Tourney of Winter's Gate and the Princess's Rapier Champion Tourney. The new Commander of the Cavaliers is Lady Angela of Eskalya of the Light and her Light is Lady Gisla Æðikollr! The winner of the Princess's Rapier Tourney was Trevor of Anchorage. Many thanks to Their Highnesses, Prince Culann Mac Cianain and Princess Sefa Hrafnisdottir, Baroness Elena verch Rhys and Baron Hans Schaffer for their attendance. A very special thanks to all the Rapier Fighters who braved the elements, Baron Braun and those who traveled up from Anchorage Proper including: Lady Angela of the Light, Sir Sevastian Agafangilovich Golytsin, Baron Rodrigo de Reinosa, Baroness Étaín O'Rowarke, Trevor of Eskalya,

Many fine food were provided during the feast besides the fire. The first Edda of Winter's Gate was told and songs of bravery and deeds entertained those that participated. The Braemmer Games commenced the next day with prizes and awards bestowed upon both young and young at heart. Although the weather continued her glorious downpour at times, the comradery experienced by all kept those who participated as warm as the fire.

Boy Scout Fall Camporee: One Troop to Rule Them All!-Mistress Margery Garrett

Late in the Summer of 2018, Winter's Gate was invited to participate, as volunteers, in the Boy Scout's Fall Camporee. The theme of this year's event was a Lord of The Rings style activity. Seven of our populace took up the challenge. Her Highness Princess Sifa, Baron Hans, Mistress Sapphira, Mistress Margery, Baron Griffin, Lady Iriniia, and m'lady Kaylee, put on their wool, braved the weather, and faced the small horde of young men who attended the camporee. Our mission was to help run the various skill stations the scouts had to work through. The event was set up so that the scouts could run through each station a total of three times. Each time they came through, they gained one "skill" point to increase their level on the field of battle later in the afternoon. Baron Griffin taught the scouts how to build their boffer style swords, and then taught them the basics on how to wield them. Baron Hans taught each patrol how to work as a unit using battle tactics. Her Highness helped to teach the scouts the way of fire-starting and camp cooking. Lady Iriniia and Mistress Sapphira worked with the scouts in building lean-tos, and other "pioneering" skills that would have been important in the middle ages. Mistress Margery, and m'lady Kaylee, helped teach the scouts the various first aid skills that could be needed upon the battle field. The skill stations ran from 9:30 to 3:30 with a break for lunch, and then the scouts faced the challenge of the battle field! While battle tactics and sword skills were taught, the battle was a free-for-all that had lots of laughter, bright faces, and a great deal of fun. Whether or not there was a triumphant troop, the true winners were everyone who came and played. There were lots of happy faces and the scouts were very good sports. So while there were not a lot of people, both scouts and SCA, there was a very good amount of fellowship and friendship between groups. It made dealing with the wet and chill very worth it.

Upcoming Events (please see e-list and Facebook for more information!)

Michaelmass: Oct. 13th at the Freemason Lodge 4th St.

St. Boniface Presents a Viking Collegium: Nov. 3-4 at Greuning Halll, UAF

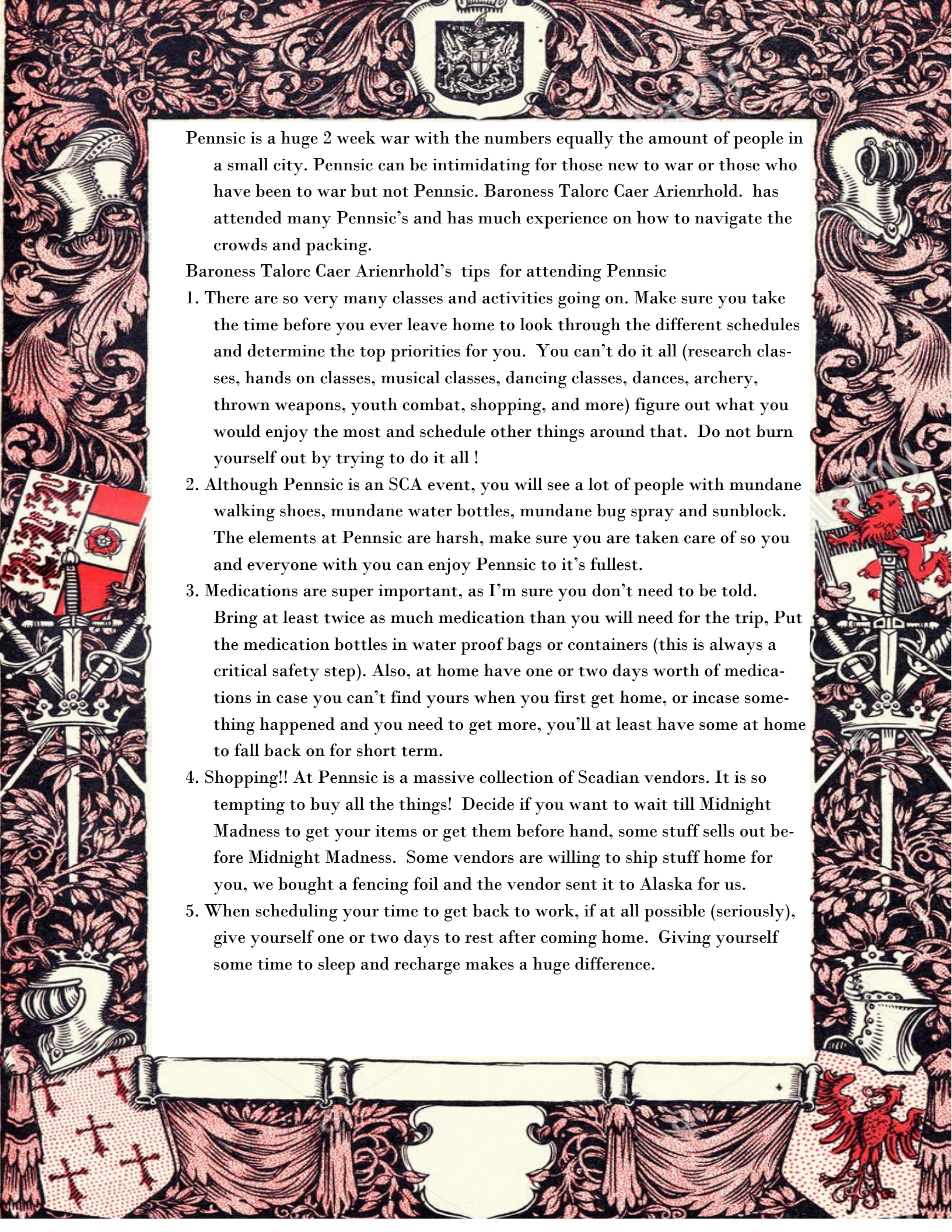
Yule: Dec. 28th, Unitarian Church



Mistress Sapphira the Navigator's Tips for Attending War:

10 tips for going to war, Many of these tips are connected and can be used in conjunction with each other!

1. Plan your shopping budget realistically and stick to it so you're not horrified when the credit card bill comes in.
2. Bring enough underwear to last for the entire event so you don't have to wash it and hang it to dry in front of your horrified camp mates.
3. Volunteer to help out at your camp and at the event- on the flip side remember to let other people have the opportunity to volunteer for things, too.
4. Don't just bring appropriate garb (cold weather? wet weather?), but also bring (or purchase en route) personal supplies like your prescription medications, band-aids, sunscreen, bug repellent, etc.
5. If you're being hosted by a local group it never hurts to ask/double check if they're providing bedding and towels in addition to tent space and a cot/air mattress. Towels, pillows, and sleeping bags take up a lot of room in a suitcase.
6. Bring ear plugs- some of your neighbors might not share the same sleep schedule as you. Never forget that tent walls are crappy sound barriers, and some are also translucent.
7. Decide early on if you're going to fight/do archery. It'll affect how much baggage you can bring (and/or pay extra to bring), which will affect how much and which garb you can bring...
8. Don't try to do everything; you won't succeed and won't have a lot of fun over-scheduling yourself.
9. Don't forget shower shoes and a big enough towel; sharing a shower means you might not have the luxury of spending a ton of time drying off and dressing in the shower tent. Make a towel tunic.
10. Bring a flashlight and a chair; stumbling around in the dark is aggra-



Pennsic is a huge 2 week war with the numbers equally the amount of people in a small city. Pennsic can be intimidating for those new to war or those who have been to war but not Pennsic. Baroness Talorc Caer Arienrhold. has attended many Pennsic's and has much experience on how to navigate the crowds and packing.

Baroness Talorc Caer Arienrhold's tips for attending Pennsic

1. There are so very many classes and activities going on. Make sure you take the time before you ever leave home to look through the different schedules and determine the top priorities for you. You can't do it all (research classes, hands on classes, musical classes, dancing classes, dances, archery, thrown weapons, youth combat, shopping, and more) figure out what you would enjoy the most and schedule other things around that. Do not burn yourself out by trying to do it all !
2. Although Pennsic is an SCA event, you will see a lot of people with mundane walking shoes, mundane water bottles, mundane bug spray and sunblock. The elements at Pennsic are harsh, make sure you are taken care of so you and everyone with you can enjoy Pennsic to it's fullest.
3. Medications are super important, as I'm sure you don't need to be told. Bring at least twice as much medication than you will need for the trip, Put the medication bottles in water proof bags or containers (this is always a critical safety step). Also, at home have one or two days worth of medications in case you can't find yours when you first get home, or incase something happened and you need to get more, you'll at least have some at home to fall back on for short term.
4. Shopping!! At Pennsic is a massive collection of Scadian vendors. It is so tempting to buy all the things! Decide if you want to wait till Midnight Madness to get your items or get them before hand, some stuff sells out before Midnight Madness. Some vendors are willing to ship stuff home for you, we bought a fencing foil and the vendor sent it to Alaska for us.
5. When scheduling your time to get back to work, if at all possible (seriously), give yourself one or two days to rest after coming home. Giving yourself some time to sleep and recharge makes a huge difference.



St. Boniface Announcements and Upcoming Events:

St. Boniface Presents a Viking Collegium: Nov. 3-4th, Gruening Hall, Cooper St., University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Collegium is free. Workshop Teachers will set their own class fees. Please make sure you provide the fee as you participate as a courtesy to the teachers who are providing their own resources to teach. Class registration begins on Oct. 20th.

List of Workshops offered at St. Boniface Collegium

Lady Greteke de Lille: Ostenstitch Viking Embroidery

Princess Sefa Hrafnisdottir: Silk Block Painting

Princess Sefa Hrafnisdottir: Panels and Hoods

Baroness Elena verch Rhys: Beyond the T-Tunic (trapezoidal gore underdress and tunics)

Baroness Claire Elena: Cooking Viking Style

Baroness Claire Elena: Archeological Textiles

Lady Ciara: Viking Wire Weaving

Lady Ciara: Viking Tunics and Dresses

Lady Gisla Æðikollr!: Viking Shoes

Lady Gisla Æðikollr!: Leather Lab

Prince Culann Mac Cianain: Shield Painting

Prince Culann Mac Cianain: Great Weapons and Melee Tactics

Lord Patrick: Spoon Carving

Lord Patrick: Basic Lyre

Baroness Cemper: Easy Viking Wire Rings\

Bennet Wong: Falconry from Medieval to Modern.

Geneva of St. Boniface: Historical Navigation and Astronomy

Baroness Cemper: Easy T-tunic and adaptations

St. Boniface: Artisan's Display Saturday, 3rd and Sunday the 4th

Display your finished or unfinished project that you worked on during the Collegium!

All are encouraged to "Show and Tell." What skills did you have that you were able to develop? What new skills did you learn? What were your challenges and what did you like best about your project (not class)? How do you plan on using your new skills or item?

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