

The Wastekeep Word



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Upcoming Events

August 2012						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Wastekeep Fighters' Practice at Howard Amon Park in Richland, 6:30	2	3 Defender of the Hart in the Canton of Silverhart	4 
5	6	7	8 Joint Fighters' Practice in Wastekeep at Howard Amon Park in Richland, 6:30	9 Baronial Council at 6:30 in at Round Table Pizza in Pasco	10	11 Joint Sergeants' Trials for Wastekeep and Vulkanfeldt (see copy in this issue.)
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Baronial Gatherings

Fighters' Practice: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM: Fighters' Practice has moved back to Howard Amon Park in Richland. Fighters' Practice includes practice for heavy armored combat and rapier combat. Non-fighters are encouraged to attend, bring projects to work on, observe and ask questions. Newcomers are always welcome. Call Sir Dyon at 509-627-0142 for more information. **Check the calendar, and watch the email lists for updates. Wastekeep fighters will travel to Vulcanfeldt for a joint practice on 4th Wednesday of this month. Vulcanfeldt practices are held at 6:30 on Wednesday at a park in Zillah, WA.** For those who would like to keep up to date on what's going on with practice, send an email to subscribe to the fighters' emailgroups: WasteKeepHeavyFTR-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or for rapier WasteKeepRapier-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Baronial Council (Business Meeting) 2nd Thursdays: This event is not in costume, and newcomers are always welcome. It is here that upcoming activities are planned, budgets are discussed, etc. All are welcome to contribute ideas. The meeting begins at 6:30 at Round Table Pizza in Pasco.

Pages: Pages have been meeting irregularly in recent months. There has been discussion about moving Pages meetings to events rather than the monthly Sundays. Contact Baroness Stjarna at baroness.wastekeep@gmail.com with questions. Watch the email list for updates.

Armoring/Arts & Sciences: Contact Mistress Marcia if you need help with research or a project at monferret@yahoo.com.



Quarterly Reports

The Seneschal reminds officers that 2nd quarter reports are due August 1st. Please remember to send a copy to the Baron and Baroness and to the Seneschal, Master Ulrik.

Open Offices

The Baronial Archer is seeking a replacement. Contact the Seneschal, Master Ulrik if you are interested in this office.

Sir Dyon is seeking a replacement or replacements for his offices as Heavy Arms Marshal and Rapier Marshal. Contact Master Ulrik if you would like to take on one or both of these offices. Sir Dyon or Master Ulrik can provide more information about the scope of the offices if you are interested.

Baroness Stjarna is seeking a replacement for the Office of Dean of Pages.

The office of Baronial Herald is also open. Contact the Seneschal, Master Ulrik, if you are interested in any of these offices.

A Missive from Their Excellencies



Unto the most noble and delightful populace of Wastekeep, Greetings from your Baron and Baroness in Drachenwald, a land strange and wonderful. We trust our absence has not caused undue strife and that our most capable Steward, Sir Dyon, has things firmly under control.

At the time of this writing we have been in España for 4 weeks. Our language and cultural studies are going well and we are able to communicate with the native speakers and make ourselves understood though we are still having some trouble with nuances of the language. It turns out that Spanish is not so similar to English in composition and phrasing as I had believed. The children are enjoying the Day Camp in Spanish and have made many friends from many different countries. Firen (Dagny) especially is excelling and, as is typical for her, has about 30 best friends from about a dozen different countries that seem to hover about her. Fortunately not all of them are male as I am not yet familiar with the firearm regulations in this country.

The Spanish SCA group is not very active, as it turns out, but they have promised to hold a "big" event for us and are anticipating a turn-out of up to 20-30 people. After being here for a few weeks in July I can understand why heavy combat is not a summer-time favorite in Spain. It reminds me very much of Wastekeep and I personally feel right at home. We have therefore been taking the opportunity to research later-period alternate or rapier personas. After spending many, many delightful hours in the Spanish Royal Armory I have decided to develop an early 1500s Spanish persona from the time of the early reign of Carlos V. Stjarna is looking at developing a persona from Florence about the same time. Spanish-Italian marriages were extremely common at that time. In fact a Spanish princess was wed to a Medici patriarch about that time. For those interested, there is a free online catalog of the Royal Armory at: http://books.google.es/books/about/Real_Armeria_de_Madrid_Catalogo_Historic.html?id=yRPbYQxOkrgC&redir_esc=y

It's in Spanish, of course, but the pictures alone are a priceless resource for anyone interested in armor and weapons of the time period. I can no longer sit back and watch as Álvaro and Juan Diego are the only Spanish representatives in our fair Barony.

At the beginning of August we will move from Madrid to Valencia, on the Mediterranean coast. We have enjoyed keeping in touch with you all on Facebook and other modern means and have enjoyed sharing pictures of our adventures.

Well wishes to you all. You are missed and we look forward to our reunion at Yule Feast and Baron's Ball!

Yours,

Baron Styrkarr Jarlsskald and Baroness Dagrún Stjarna of Wastekeep

Sergeants' Trials Wastekeep/Vulkanfeldt

August 11, 2012

Barony of Vulkanfeldt (Yakima and Yakima County)

The time for Trials draws nigh! Her Excellency, Regina O'Duncan, Baroness Vulkanfeldt, invites the populace to join her and the Sergeants of Vulkanfeldt and Wastekeep at Sergeantry Trials.

Her Excellency, members of the Sergeantry, and Peers shall judge the candidates' merits in several areas, including skill at arms, combat tactics, SCA armor and combat standards, heraldry, courtesy, medieval entertainments, knowledge of history, persona development, arts and sciences, expression of noble virtues, and the Court of Love. The lovely Baroness Dagrún Stjarna of the raven tresses is sojourning in far-off lands, so Wastekeep candidates will endure their final challenges at Wastekeep's Yule Feast, to be held early in the new year.

Successful Vulkanfeldt candidates shall be inducted and introduced to the populace at evening court. Members of the populace are welcome to participate in the weekend's events, including feasting, dancing, games, bardic, and court.

There will be a potluck feast to enjoy while candidates perform their bardic selections. Local members of both baronies are invited to bring a main dish; candidates from out of the area are requested to bring sides, breads, and/or salads (remember that the Sun in his splendour makes the weather hot, so follow food safety recommendations!)

Event Steward: THL Julia Sempronia (Sara Urdahl), julillasempronia@mac.com, 509-663-8581 (no calls after 8 pm).

Fees: Free.

Site: Home of Baron Shannon and Baroness Regina O'Duncan, 9791 Ashue Road, Toppenish, WA 98948. Open 8 am to 9 pm Saturday.

Directions:

From Yakima, head east on I-82. Take the Hwy 97 exit toward Toppenish. Turn right at Lateral A Road. Turn left onto Fort Road. Turn right onto Ashue Road. Go 1.75 miles and turn left between the 2nd and 3rd hop fields. From the Tri-Cities, head west on I-82. Take Exit 58 at Grangers. Turn left onto 223/VanBelle Road. Turn right onto Hwy 22. Turn left onto Larue Road (before you reach Toppenish). Turn left onto Ashue Road. Go 3/4 mile and turn left between the 2nd and 3rd hop field.

Some notes on the Origin of the Sergeantry of An Tir

The rank of Sergeant of An Tir began as an avenue to make sure that unbelted fighters would be able to demonstrate their skills in the knightly arts of games, dancing, heraldry, courtly manners, warfare and medieval sciences. When An Tir was a principality of the Kingdom of the West, the geographic spread of the large Kingdom made it difficult for members of the Chivalry to judge the fighting prowess, not to mention those non-fighting skills that should characterize a Peer of the Realm.. Considering this difficulty, Baron Gerhard and Baroness Amanda of Lionsgate, and Theodulf and Anne, Baron and Baroness of Madrone, sought out opinions and solutions, and after much discussion, created the rank of Sergeant at Arms. A joint tournament was held between their two baronies, and Duke Thorin Njalsson, in fealty to Baroness Anne of Madrone, was created as the first Sergeant of An Tir in 1977. An Tir was approved for Kingdom status in 1981, holding its first Crown Tourney that year, and baronies continued to be created as the Kingdom grew. The rank of Sergeant eventually expanded to include all of the baronies of An Tir. After a few years, the rank of Yeoman was added for archers, with the ranks of Gallant, Courtier, Artisan and Lancer added in later years. Members of the Sergeantry are generally in direct fealty to the Baroness of the branch in which they are tested. The exact format of the testing may vary a little from group to group, but this rank is one of the few in the Kingdom that is earned through successful completion of testing on a set of standards rather than given as a award for service or skills that have been noticed.

Some of you might not know that Baron Dyon was originally a Sergeant of Madrone, completing his Sergeants' Trials in 1981 when Wastekeep was still a shire. When Wastekeep achieved Baronial status in 1982, he transferred his Sergeants' fealty to Wastekeep. Wastekeep tested its first Sergeants in 1982, and along with Baron Dyon, our first Sergeants were Richard Ravenglas and Alwyn Eustace. (Both are no longer active in the SCA.) In the early years, Wastekeep was the only eastern barony, so we drew candidates from all of the branches of the Inlands. The list of Sergeants Emeritus (those who have gone on to become Peers of the realm) of Wastekeep is an illustrious one! Check out those lists and the Sergeants requirements on Wastekeep's website at <http://www.wastekeep.org/sergeants.php>

By Catriona of Rathcroghan, with gratitude for the information left for us by the late Baron Sir Gerhard Kendal of Westmoreland on the early history of An Tir's Sergeantry.

Wastekeep Baronial Council Minutes for 7-12-12

Present: Ulrik, Rynnar Ulriksson, Meghan, Marcia, Dyon, Thorgrimm, Claire, Inguz, Steinbjorn, Svana, Epona, Anna, Xarrmon , Phillip De Mantel, Luaithrenn, Thorkell, Gudrun, Kora, Lili, Ysabella, Rowland, and Jurik.

Approval of minutes: Motion was made and seconded to accept last month's minutes, which were approved with one in abstention.

Old Business:

Pavilion meeting information updates- committee wants to buy 4 new 1 ½ inch poles. Need about \$70 to buy. Made motion to buy, seconded and approved.

Greenwood Castle Set up/ Tear down: We need to buy a toolbox to put nuts and bolts in to put into the mounted Castle toolbox. Dyon bought \$28 in hardware- fully threaded bolts, and washers. He will turn in receipt. He wants to spend about \$30 container for the hardware. We have a drill with no way to charge it (the charger has not been found). Ulrik made a motion, seconded, and approved to buy a new right angle wrench. Marjorie was not happy with placement of castle and wants to verify before setting up next year. We received \$250 for rental. We may need to increase the price. We need to do more demos next year and revisit having the Spitting Duck again. We need to talk about it and make a decision in January.

Sergeants Trials- 11th August at Reggie's barn, dancing will be at both Sergeants and Yule. We have 2 candidates.

New Business: None

Seneschal- reminder that second quarter reports are due August 1st. Keys- Seneschal would like an audit on who has what keys. Just send an email to Ulrik. Tags need to get put on trailers. We have purchased them, just don't know where they are. Registrations should be in each trailer. If driver is pulled over, they need to provide the registration.

Baron and Baroness- having fun in Spain-NTR

Regent-NTR

Reeve- Have \$4,719.80 in checking, \$3,446.10 in savings total of \$8,165.90 before writing new checks.

Chamberlain-no report

Chronicler-NTR

Web Minister-NTR except the website is back up after DNS Propagation.

Herald- NTR wants to step down

Chief Scribe-NTR

Combat Marshalls

Heavy/Rapier- OPEN-Phillip is interested, not sure if he needs to be warranted as senior- Dyon says no. Aside note-at An Tir West- Wastekeep provided most of the King's guards.

YAK- NTR

Archery- OPEN

Lists- NTR

Chatelaine- great turnout for practice-remember 4th week at Zillah

Gold Key- NTR

Grete Book-NTR

Arts and Sciences-Saturday at Howard Amon Park will have a leather tooling class taught by Thorgrimm. Bring chair, \$5 for class, more if larger piece of leather wanted. Marcia had a catalog with an article about medieval veggies, with Southern European natives. Addresses to follow, after minutes.

Family Activities- Activities included: Crown making, favor painting, jewelry stuff, and general play. She helped out at An Tir West by painting faces, and bracelet weaving.

Dean of Pages-OPEN

Ithra- NTR

Chiurgeon- NTR

Librarian- Ulrik would like to see the 5 book shelves of books knocked down to 2 shelves. Need a committee to do this, with Xarrmon to chair.

Canton-NTR

Council Adjourned & had two birthday celebrations- Steinbjorn and Rynnar Ulriksson. Marcia shared addresses for Medieval root vegetables: Daikon, celeriac, salsify, and scorzonera.

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Minutes submitted by the Honorable Lady Meghan Oakendottir.

Their Majesties of An Tir

Their Royal Majesties of An Tir, King Vik and Queen Astrid, welcome award recommendations from the populace.

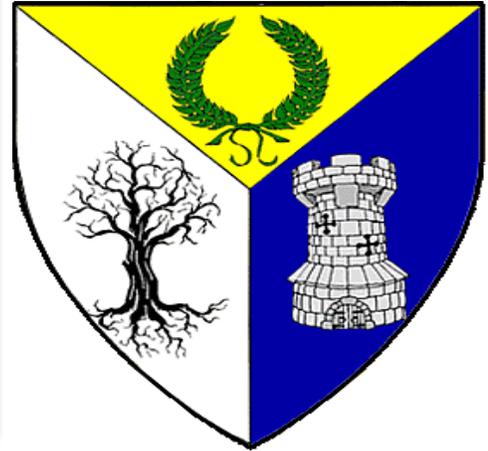
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