



The RivenSTAR

Quarterly

***Gentles All
The Baroness Takaya will
once again host a New
Year's Eve Party at her
home.
You Know the Date, Time after 7:30***

Rivenstar to Have New Minister of Arts and Sciences Beginning in January

From the incoming MoAS
Well met!

Who is this cranky ol' biddy who is the new MoAS in Rivenstar? Olwen of Buckland is of a similar SCA vintage as our good Baron, but my job is not to tell "back when dirt was new" stories, but "is responsible for supporting study into art forms, technologies, and those aspects of culture relating to their use, both in period and in Society activities." The MoAS is a facilitator for Arts & Sciences activities and promotes your accomplishments in those areas to others in the Society.

Are you a "go-to" person for a particular skill? As I moved into the Barony a bit over a year ago, I may not know your name or haven't associated the face with the name, nor do I have the world's best memory for names. Please come up to me and introduce yourself or email me. Especially, I do not know those who are in the arts martial, although I will be attending fighters' practice periodically in the new year. Please show me the really spiffy vambraces, bowstrings, plans for new siege engines or fencing doublets, etc., you have made and the research and techniques you used.
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October 26th Demo at West Lafayette Jr.—Sr. High School Very Successful

By Marian of Rivenstar with a little help from my friends.

Members from the Barony of Rivenstar went to West Lafayette Jr.—Sr. High School on October 26th for two hours from 11:30—1:30 to talk with two groups of students. The first presentation was to the junior high History Club students. Pieter and Nan showed their slide show and talked about castles, castle building and castle life. Rocky, Olwen, Elspeth and Caitrina also came to share their knowledge and arts. They passed around chain mail and rapier weapons for the students to see.

Next the Barony members presented to the West Lafayette HS Medieval Society. This was the heart of the program. Rocky gave a general overview of what the SCA is all about to the senior high school students. She also shared and demonstrated some of her calligraphy and illumination pages. Olwen demonstrated drop spindle spinning and talked about the role of women in medieval society.

Sadly, the group was too small to do a mortality demo according to Briana of Rivenstar who is also the president of the high school Medso Club.

Elspeth and Caitrina came to teach dancing and were very surprised when the students as a collective group knew some of the dances (thanks to Briana). (continued on page 8)

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Regular Weekly Activities Info

Mondays

7:00 pm - Madrigal Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm - Baronial Business Meetings

Held in the Stewart Center, PMU South Tower or PMU 118
See Purdue schedule for room location (subject to change)

Tuesdays

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Archery Practice

Held at the Purdue Practice fields by the Airport

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Wednesdays

8:00 pm - Heavy and Rapier Fighter Practice

Held at the Purdue Armory on Campus

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More Activities!

Equestrian Practices start in the Spring, weather permitting, and are usually held twice a month on Sunday afternoons from 1-4 pm.

Drum Practices will be held on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings at the Morton Community Center. Check the Rivenstar website and email list for updates.

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Business Meeting Notes: In interest of space only officer highlights will be noted, though officers may have been present with no news to report.

Monday, September 17, 2007

The meeting was held in Stewart Rm. 204

Event Reports:

Elsbeth, her mother, Caitrina and Amalie went to Grand Pageant—they learned two new dances & ate lots of yummy chocolate. Emil reported that half of Musica Subterranea showed up and played. All reported a wonderful 5 course feast.

Officer Reports:

Herald—Report due at end of month, email Janusz with any awards from this quarter

Quartermaster—Nan found the blue tablecloths!

Chatelaine—Need garb? See Rocky. Don't forget Boy Scout Demo this weekend.

Chronicler—RivenSTAR fall issue is out. Copies available.

Madrigals—singing in Latin & German. This week alto & soprano, next week bass & tenor

Dancemistress—Practice was Sunday. Next one Sun 9/30 noon to 3 PM in Stew 302. Consider attending to practice for Crystal Ball in Shattered Crystal.

Youth Minister—contacting officials tonight to learn about role.

Student Officers—Rowan looked into buses, lot more expensive than she thought. Buses from Purdue \$3500 for 50 person (to go to Gulf Wars). 12 passenger van was \$600 + .34 per mile. Discussion: If we had a Ren Faire in the spring would we be able to have vendors & merchants? Yes, we had once before when we hosted a coronation. The key is to show we weren't in competition with any Purdue merchants.

Concerning a room request for next semester: Wherever we go, consistency is best. Some like Fish Bowl or South Tower, steps can be a problem, still it has a piano and dance floor. Stewart has elevators. Prefer Stewart over Terrace Room but try for Fish Bowl.

Student President and Treasurer need to go to a seminar next Thurs at 4:30.

Current Topics:

Spring Event—Easter weekend is available. Better War is March 22nd in Sternfeld. New location? Fairgrounds? - no not exclusive use.

Cary Camp? —need to know about new kitchen construction completion. Prophets Town? Expensive & no lg. cooking facility, big shelters but none enclosed. Armory? Lack of parking. Burtsfield Elementary? Faith Baptist Church? - they just opened new community center. Methodist Church on 48—not sufficient size. If we get another site then we can go back to mid to late April. Theme? If you pick the animal—you



Monday, September 24, 2007

The meeting was held in South Tower

Event Reports:

Rocky—Boy Scout Camperie went very well. Thanks to all who attended. (See related story Pg. ____)

Pieter reported that four fencers from Rivenstar went to Grey Gargoyles fencing practice on Sunday.

This weekend is Coronation in Indy, Baron Adam is Autocrat.

Silgulf and Guilliana went to Rendevous at the Bridge—it was HOT (heat index of 102) water in the Lake was down a foot and a half. Guilliana taught a class on Viking wire weaving to 12 people and Silgulf taught bead making to one student. Feast was really good but hall had no fans. After feast it cooled down a bit & the party started. Breakfast Sat was Full English style. Wonderful!

Officer Reports:

Chatelaine—next demo will be a Friday, late in Oct. at West Lafayette Jr-Sr HS.

Chronicler—Fall issue sent up the line to all who needed to receive it. Write demo stories for me!

Madrigals—Full group rehearsal next week

Dancemistress—This Sun at 12—3 in Stew 302! Briana is planning to drag HS students there.

Current Topics:

Rocky reported possible site for spring event could be Pine Creek Camp outside Pine Village. She'll check into it further. Janusz noted Carnivale & Better War scheduled for Easter weekend now. What about a Fall demo? Idea rejected—too tired after Pennsic. Discussed importance of keeping the “3 Sts.” theme / branding going. April 12th would be ideal date if we could find a new site. We'd like to offer camping this event. We haven't had a camping event since the first one at “3 Sts. & a Pig.”

Christmas Court—no final date yet. Tentative 12/8.

October 1, 2007

Event Reports: Sigulf reported that Coronation was at a Masonic Temple and had lots of pageantry. There was a good deal of fighting with fencing being on the 8th floor. Feast was really good!

Fischer’s Ren Faire—Gabriela is planning to dance. Janusz and Erin will be drumming.

Officer Reports: Herald—report submitted yesterday

Exchequer—emailed regional about receipts for taxes for someone who donates garb to Rivenstar
Chatelaine—Demo at the West Lafayette HS Oct 26th 11:30—1:30.

Chronicler—anyone wanting PDF format of the RivenSTAR send Marian an email

Madrigals—sopranos and altos practice next week, bases and tenors the week after.

Youth—within the next three months a rule will go into effect that anyone fighting or having direct interaction with youth must have a background check.

Current Topics: Spring Event—people will check on possible sites (Rocky, Caitrina & Gallien). May have to think about joining up with another group if we don’t get a site.

Nan informs us that WALLA at the Morton Center has a class beginning mid Oct. Mon and Wed afternoons on Legendary Queens.



October 15, 2007

Event Reports: Most Barony Members present went to the Feast of the Hunter’s Moon. No SCA event reports

Officer Reports: Chatelaine—Remember Fri. 10/26 is a demo at WL High from 11:30—1:30. Rm. 2102 Check in at the office—bring props.

Madrigals—Practice next week

Dance—practice will be weekly now after the Monday meetings to do known dances. Introduction of new dances & performance of known ones will be every two weeks on Sundays.

Current Topics: Christmas Court—Confirmed for Dec 8 at Congress St. Methodist Church from 1 to 11PM. Recommendations for Silver Acorn, Defender or Order of Rivenstar needed. Please contact the Baron, Baroness or Herald. A potluck dinner will be served. Officers will bring meat dishes.

The populace is asked to bring side dishes. Food does not have to be period. Chocolate is appreciated. The Baron decreed chocolate to be both in period and a vegetable!

Don’t forget the pun party at Wulf’s on Oct. 29th.



October 22, 2007

Event Reports: Sigulf reported that Sir Luger won crown tourney 2—1

Upcoming Events: Next Monday there won’t be a meeting but come to the Pun Party! 7:30

Officer Reports: Herald—Award recommendations for Christmas Court - submit to Wulf, Takaya or Janusz.

A&S—Olwen will take over as the A&S officer in Jan. She plans to put a list on the web page for resources (where to find the best leather, yarns, rivets etc.) Many thanks to Dani for her service to the Barony

Webminister—Please send updates to Arranxta
Dance—every week after meeting

Current Topics: Spring Event—Caitrina called Faith Baptist & is waiting to hear from them. Wulf mentioned the Wabash Erie Canal park in Delphi as a nice place but not really suitable for a full event. Olwen reported that Tippecanoe Shrine club would only accept Catering by Debbie. Rocky reported that the Conservation Club was \$250 /day from 9 AM—2 AM & we’d be able to have alcohol. There is a 40x60 ft room with 8 ft ceilings but outside shelter as well and lots of grounds. Young ones must be watched closely as it borders the Wildcat Creek. Parking not great. Kitchen is industrial, no dishwasher but has triple sink. Their calendar is open Saturdays through March and April. It is easy to get to and near I-65. We’ll try for April 19th.



November 5, 2007

Event Reports: Leonie & Aaron went to Inferno and reported a Great Time. Aaron learned to play Buffins with sticks on site and became the A&S champ. Feast was great—it received a standing ovation!

Officer Reports: Chatelaine—Demo at WLHS went well. Pieter & Nan showed the castle slides, Elspeth, Caitrina & Briana led dancing, Rocky gave an overview of the SCA & Olwen demonstrated drop spindles.

Archery—No longer on Tues but now on Sundays
Chronicler—The Baron has asked for an updated contact list for the barony. Asking all the populace to submit current contact information.

Current Topics: Conservation Club is still in the running for the spring event. Pine Creek Camp a possibility.

The Seneschal would like to step down. Is anyone willing to pick up the office? Rocky will share the duties with Gallien especially running weekly meetings.



November 12, 2007

Nan and Pieter invited all students who can't get home for Thanksgiving to their table for the feast.

Event Reports: Fencing practice was at Pieter's on Sunday.

Officer Reports: Herald: Recommendations for barony awards contact Wulf, Takaya or Janusz.

Marshallette—No practice the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving.

Seneschal—next week the deputy seneschals will have to conduct the meeting.

Chatelaine—If you are bringing guests to Christmas Court let Rocky know, she can help dress them.

Any fighters who need garb, Rocky will bring garb to practice before court.

Current Topics: Rocky reported Pine Creek Camp as a possible but not too promising site—still waiting to hear from the person there. Gallien reported the Conservation Club is a large site with 1 enclosed bldg & 1 shelter. Ceiling rafters are low, rapier could easily use it but not armored. The napatorium and cook tent could suffice for armored. Gallien's mundane tent could serve as a changing room.

Other pavilions could serve for children's activities etc. A committee needs to go out to check the kitchen facility. It has a 6 burner stove & fairly good ovens, no dishwasher but a 3 compartment sink. We were offered the 2 day rate at \$100 discount. Daily rate is \$250 w/ \$100 deposit, \$75 of which is refundable. Two day rate is \$400, \$200 deposit / \$150 refundable. The total at Ross Camp would have been \$700. Need to check into cost of port-a-potties.

November 19, 2007

Event Reports: Amalie authorized single rapier and dagger and won 2nd in Pirate Tourney at Crystal Ball. She, Caitrina and several other barony members danced until 4AM! Feast was awesome and the event ROCKED!

Sigulf participated in a North American Living History Group activity entitled Vikings of North America. Demo for the town of _____. He fiddled with bone.

Officer reports: Chatelaine: Need garb—See Rocky

Archery—moved to Sundays—sometimes in conflict with dance and now at Arnora's house in Montmorenci.

Marshallette—No fighter practice this week

Current Topics: Christmas Court is noon to 11 PM at Congress Street Methodist. Demos welcome. We will have a silversmithing class.

Spring Event—We are going with the Conservation Club (Rocky will still tour the Pine Creek Camp for some future possibility—they won't allow us to cook but will cook with our recipes.)

Get your Award recommendations in!



November 26, 2007

Officer Reports: Exchequer—Sigulf, Giuliana & Olwen earned \$187 for the Barony at the Fischer's Ren Faire. Thank You!

Herald: Award recommendations are needed for Christmas Court. Less than two weeks to go!

Note to Webminister: Please post Christmas Court date time and place on web page.

A&S: Dani gave her quarterly report to Giuliana. Olwen will take over as A&S officer in January.

Marshalette: On Dec. 16th Benton Central will have a Madrigal Dinner and asked for a Demo from 3—3:30. Need volunteers for heavy, rapier, A&S. It would mean \$100 for the Barony if we participated. Contact Rowan if interested.

Chatelaine: Do we want garb at fighter practice? Yes, the one before Court.

Webminister: Added Christmas Court info to website. We have the site from 1 to 11PM Dec 8th.

Youth: Gallien had a call from Regional Youth Minister, trying to get in touch with Caitrina

Student Organization: Should we have a renaissance festival in the spring during Grand Alternative Week? Need students to attract students. This would help get the word out. Possibly give students info on their local groups before they go home for the summer. Maybe have a January call-out? - less competition for clubs. Demo Dance and fighting in the snow? Maybe late January—perhaps Wed. 23rd at practice? See if Rowan can get a display case that week in Stewert Center main hall.

A&S: let's have an exchange at Christmas Court! Bring you're A&S leftovers but remember if you bring it you need to be sure it is either adopted or returns home with you.

Current Topics: Spring Event will be at the Conservation Club. Gallien is going to get a contract on 11/27. Need to adjust the date because Coronation is on April 19th. So try for the next week. (No theme yet but plenty of discussion on the subject after the meeting!)



December 3, 2007

Upcoming Events: Christmas Court Dec. 8 beginning at 1PM. Takaya's New Year's Eve Party at her house beginning anytime after 7:30PM

Officer reports: A&S—Olwen is planning an A&S exchange at Christmas Court. Bring something, take something, & make sure what you brought goes to a good home or returns to yours. There will be a silversmithing class at Court.

Chatelaine—Need garb, see Rocky. She'll have loaner garb at Court for all and sundry. Also, there will be a Demo at Benton Central HS on Dec. 16th, Sunday, from 3—3:30 PM

Herald—Awaiting award recommendations

Madrigals—will perform at Court

Dance—There will be practice early in the day and dancing at Court

Current Topics: 3 Saints will be at Conservation Club and Takaya came up with the Theme winner (she will also now be co-autocrat with Gallien). This year's theme will be 3 Saints and (the hair of) the Dog; reflecting that we are not at a dry site this year. Conservation Club has prohibited anything hanging from the drop ceiling so the banner will need banner poles.



(New MoAS continued from page 1)

Do you need to find a resource for a particular skill? The Internet has vastly improved access to research materials, but finding a certain item in the real world at a reasonable price may be another story. In cooperation with the resourceful and experienced minds of the populace of this Barony, and our webmistress, Arantxa, I am proposing to post a web page of sources of materials of interest to SCA folk: fabric, fiber, rivets, metal, grommets, pavilion canvas, rope, hammers, leather, period breeds of livestock, paints, pigments, clay, glasswork, paper, musical instrument supplies, shoes, looms, thread, dyes, tools, anvils, stones, bones, wood, yarn, foods, brewing and vinting supplies, cookware, spices, garden supplies, herbs, and whatever else applies to our constructing of the modern Middle Ages.

What sources have you found either locally, regionally or by web/mail order that have been particularly useful? Please email me with the particulars: item, description of use, vendor, address/phone, website, if applicable and any notes about the item.

Yours in service, make stuff, have fun!

THL Olwen of Buckland



Third Quarter Heraldic Report for the Barony of Rivenstar, respectfully submitted this 30 September, Anno Societatis XLII (being 2007 C.E.) by Lord Janusz Zawisza, Rivenstar Pursuivant.

At *A Simple Day in the Country* on July 21st.

-Elspeth of Rivenstar and Adam MacAoidh received Awards of Arms

At *Pennsic War* (Midrealm Court),

-John Skinner received a Purple Fret

At *Harvest Day* on September 8th

-Andreas von Meissen received a Cavendish Knot

Yours in Service,

Lord Janusz Sawisza, Rivenstar Pursuivant
mka Paul Radecki

Halloween Party at Baron Moonwulf’s House was Pun for All

October 29th saw many Barony members at the home of His Grace Baron Moonwulf Starkaardherisson for the annual Pun Party. It was a cool evening and a roaring fire in the back yard made some people very happy. A fine table of munchies was spread and everyone enjoyed treats of dip, chips and even buck-eyeballs. Some of the more memorable costumes included:

- Sigulf as Paltry in Notions
 - Molly and Moira together as Don of the Dead
 - Kaitrina was Hooked
 - Amalie had her Freudian Slip
 - Marian represented the Polly Titians
 - Gallien showed up as a Monk E-Business
 - Arranxta showed her virtual Al Gore Rhythm
 - Pieter cleaned up with Mist Dusters
 - Beard was A Play on Words
 - John was the Happy Reaper
 - Ankara with cooperation from baby Vincent was a Bump in the Road
- (If my feeble brain has forgotten anyone, please forgive me, Marian)



The Babies Are Here, The Babies Are Here!

Vincent Andrew Delchambre made his debut at 4:19 AM, November 6th, 2007. He arrived at 9 lbs. 2 oz. and 21 inches long. Congratulations to Enkara and Aendru! We hear that Enkara is very happy to NOT be pregnant anymore!

Anja Louise Schnap was born to Annie Hatke and her husband Martin Schnap on Friday, November 9th, 2007. She weighed in at 5lbs. 13 oz. and according to her Mom she is healthy, cute, bald and looks exactly like her Daddy.

Traveling?
You might want to check out this website.

<http://fighterpractice.com/index.htm>
 Elspeth shared this on the Rivenlist
 It is an unofficial list of fighter practices around the country.

Welcome new Barony Members !

Leonie Leduc and Corwin Roberts (Aaron Bilodeau) moved to the Barony in Mid-July/ August. They were most recently residing in the Outlands (Colorado) but Corwin was originally from the Midrealm. Welcome to you both!

We Need You.... Well Your Contact Info Anyway

The Baron has charged the Chronicler (namely me) to compile a new list of contact information for the populace. We have had several new members recently and some returning, sadly some leaving as well, which makes this a necessity. So, who is out there???? Please drop me an email at miller41@purdue.edu or phone me at 765-497-2119 with your SCA name and any offices or honors held, your mundane name and either an email, phone or address (or all three if you feel so inclined). My gratitude for your help.

YIS Marian of Rivenstar

Upcoming Demo at Benton Central High School.

The Barony was asked to participate in a Madrigal Dinner at Benton Central High School on Sunday, December 16th from 3—3:30PM. They asked for fighters, both rapier and armored, and arts and sciences items and demonstrations. The Barony coffers will receive \$100 if we participate. If interested, please contact Rowen at lollier@purdue.edu

High School Demo (continued from page 1)

They performed the steps of the Official Maltese bringing the program to a close. Briana was happy when it all worked out well and thanks everyone who participated. It must have been a very successful program because since that time, two members of the Medso Club have since attended numerous meetings, fighter practices and dance practices for the Barony. So, Rivenstar welcomes Claire and Erik from the West Lafayette High School.



Make Plans For
Rivenstar's Spring Event
Three Saints and (the hair of) the Dog
April 26th, 2008
At the Tippecanoe County Conservation Club
(New Site)
2799 Conservation Club Rd.
Lafayette, IN 47906

Co-Autocrats: Baroness Takaya Mereleone, OP &
Warder Gallien Le Cavalier de I'lle

Last but not least a simple plea from your Chronicler: Please contribute to the RivenSTAR! I will publish ANYTHING that you send me; photos, stories, poems, research that you want to share, artwork that is too beautiful to stay locked in your sketchbook, reminiscences ANYTHING so that I don't have to keep typing my own words!

Yours in Service
Marian of Rivenstar