



The RivenSTAR

Monthly

Rivenstar Christmas Court Held in New Location

St. Ann's Memory Center on Wabash Ave. in Lafayette was the new site of the annual Rivenstar Holiday gathering on December



unseasonably warm winter so far, we all know that summer is not coming in right now but Pieter, our illustrious choir director "found" a new



verse just a few weeks ago and the choir debuted them just for this event. This verse was "Winter is Icu-men In" and we loudly sang achool! This world premier was followed by a more traditional and ever-lovely Carol; "Lo, How the Rose E're Blooming". Next came the Baronial Court which opened with the annual payment of



3rd. It was a great event, with classes and crafts in the afternoon and a great dinner in the evening. Thanks to those who volunteered to teach classes. They were much appreciated.

Dinner began about 5:30. As usual, the dishes conjured up by members of the Barony were both plentiful and delicious! Also as



"taxes" to Their Excellencies. John Skinner again resembled a certain St. Nicholas with his large bag of gifts. The coconut (continued on pg. 5)



usual, there were quite a few meat dishes but we even managed to sneak in a salad or two. Dinner was followed by entertainment from the Madrigali who sang "Sumer Is Icu-men In". Even though it has been an

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Regular Weekly Activities Info

Mondays

7:00 pm - Madrigal Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm - Baronial Business Meetings
 Held in Stewart Center at Purdue
 See Baronial Calendar back page of this issue.

Tuesdays

Archery Practice - Currently on Hiatus

Wednesdays

8:00 pm - Heavy and Rapier Fighter Practice
 Held at the Purdue Armory on Campus (summer hours differ)
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Sundays

3:00—5:00 PM— Dance Practice (on hiatus)
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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 Minutes:

Monday, November 21, 2011

Event Reports: Pieter and Nan did a demo for the Ladoga Elementary School art class after school program in Ladoga, IN. Since it was an art class, they did a discussion of heraldry. They wore heraldic garb and discussed other recognizable symbols such as the “golden arches” and the pizza hut roof shape. When Pieter showed the midrealm shield and asked what it represented, the kids caught on right away and matched it to his garb! Then the students did a project designing their own heraldry on a paper shield. Some came up with very historically accurate divisions and symbols on their own. Next month, Pieter and Nan have been invited to do the same demo for the Walnut Elementary School afterschool program. The same teacher is shared between the two schools so it is a sister school to Ladoga.

Officer Reports: Herald—at Christmas Court Janusz plans to step down. There will be change of officer forms ready, just sign and the office is yours!

Baroness—Christmas Court is a week from Saturday. So far no one has submitted any recommendations. Since Arrantxa is having trouble with her computer, we need to up date the list and the Facebook page for Christmas Court. Personally invite those you know. Someone is needed to do the children’s gifts. We need names, ages and genders for the children. Ask the list to submit them. Chatelaine—Rocky’s report is due. She now has demos to send in her report.

Baron—Wulf reiterated the admonitions from Her Excellency—to recommend people for awards.

Reminder that it is a pitch-in dinner. Bring what you can. The officers usually bring a meat dish.

A&S—Olwen notes that a bag of chips is just fine. She will be bringing a couple of pork roasts. A&S sessions are dull right now until after the holidays. Constellation Regional A&S is Feb. 4th.

Student Org.—Movie night went well. Nothing else new. There will be no Dec. movie night. They will resume in January. There was a suggestion to get a window in Stewart Center but it is not a good idea right now. Maybe a mini call-out

could happen in January at fighter practice.

Marshal—no fighter practice this week though die-hard fencers are welcome to come on Tues. to the Grey Hope practice.

Madrigals— They’ll be singing for Christmas Court. It is coming right along. They may not do the spring A&S contest but will definitely sing for the spring event.

On another note—Pieter looked into portable shower facilities for Pennsic. They are very expensive. It would be over \$400 for 1 stall to rent from Midwest Rental. Pieter also looked at empty trailers etc. but they are even more. Interestingly enough, there is a place in Indy that rents a shell of a Port-o-pot and fits it with shower fittings. It comes with an inline electric water heater. They are made in Gary. It wouldn’t have to be kept and stored because it would be a rental. It is only 150# so is fairly portable.

Beaver Report— The beaver is slowly denuding the entire peninsula and has gone back to taking down trees that he’s already girdled.

Seneschal—Christmas Court is in a week and a half. Send recommendations for awards. Leonie brought change of officers forms so that Dani could sign them. Dani will take over as Seneschal at Christmas Court. Wulf also interjected that he’s lined up another Marshal. We may be able to put up banners at Court because there is a thumb tack rail. Also noted that a scroll (calligraphy by Arrantxa) was presented to Bill the service worker from the Armory who has been a long time friend to the Barony and the marshal practices there. He retired this week. He seemed to enjoy getting the scroll.



Monday, November 28, 2011

Event Reports: Wulf made contact with two former Queens of the Middle Kingdom this weekend

Officer Reports: Herald—Court is this weekend. Award recommendations would be nice.

Madrigals—They have a mystery song. More details on Saturday. Pieter will present a class on castle construction at 4 PM at Christmas Court.

Beaver Report—The beaver was sighted this week. A neighbor noted that there is another beaver colony

downstream. So Justin Beaver isn't moving downstream, he has neighbors. He brought down another tree over the road this week.

Pieter also reported on the portable showers. He contacted the makers of the port-o-pot type shell. With a gas powered water heater and the knobs it is \$1000 + \$130 for freight. It is slightly cheaper if you purchase two but not much. It weighs 138# empty.

These are made in Georgia. Rental is \$500. Add another thousand dollars and it buys a trailer with retractable wheels so that no one ever has to lift it. Katya asked about the life span of the shower shell. Much discussion ensued on showers in general and the possibility of purchasing two. One suggestion for fund-raising was that 501 non-profits can work games for Purdue.

Chronicler—Remember to send Marian your Christmas Court photos when you take them. The RivenSTAR was published last week, extra copies are available if you need one. Arrantxa is catching up with publishing the RivenSTAR on the website.

A&S—Regionals are coming up. There will be classes at Christmas Court

Student Org—it exists. Next week is dead week followed by finals. We have rooms reserved for the 5th and 12th. Meetings only, no madrigal practice.

Baron—Submit award recommendations to the Herald, Baron or Baroness. The turkey is being thawed. Pitch in whatever you can. Site opens at noon. Dinner is at 5:30 with singing and Court to follow.

Chatelaine—Rocky will be at St. Ann's at noon.

Come early and bring projects to work on.

Baroness—nothing to report

Seneschal—come to Christmas Court!

New Business: Katya noted that the sewing night a couple of weeks ago was moderately well attended and that she is looking forward to doing something on Wed. nights in conjunction with fighter practice. If tables are there, would people bring their stuff to work on? What do you think of monthly? Sound off.



Monday, December 12, 2011

Event Reports: Francoise made it to a Christmas celebration with the Goat Clan this weekend.

Pieter and Nan did another demo. This time it was for the Walnut Elementary School after school art program just outside of New Ross. The students were sixth graders. Again, they talked about heraldry as a way to identify knights in the field. This time he'd made "flash cards" of logos that represented well known fast food restaurants to illustrate modern day "heraldry". The students then had a chance to create their own heraldic symbols on a paper shield. This group had a little trouble coming up with a symbol to represent themselves. John suggested using the word "Mascot" and Emil suggested that he ask "if you were an app what would be your icon". (we've come a long way!) We were asked to do the spring renaissance faire for the schools again next spring.

Officer Reports: A&S—Olwen posted the A&S Faire schedule to the list. Reminder that Constellation A&S is in February.

Herald—nothing specific

Student Org.—not present

Marshal—Wulf reported that we are theoretically scheduled for the Armory this week on Wed. but check before coming.

Chronicler—nothing to report

Exchequer—Sigulf reported that we have money.

Baron—reported on a possible site for Three Saints
Baroness—New Year's Eve party at Takaya's. See list for details.

New Business: The Spring Event—Three Saints. We need an autocrat and a theme by two months in advance because Pale deadlines have moved up. Wulf looked at the Armory out on SR38 with the new renovations. The drill floor is 2/3 the size of the Purdue Armory. The cost is \$500 per day and \$100 per class room. There is a kitchen too. The only date the Fairgrounds would be available would conflict with Coronation. Discussed a theme and came up with Three Saints in the Fountain of Youth. We can do a New World feast with Spanish dishes.

Next meeting is January 9th, 2012 in room 204 STEW

Have a Great Holiday Everyone!

Christmas Court (continued from page 1)

shells made everyone laugh and scenes from Monty Python nearly broke out. Their Excellencies then presented gifts to all the children of the Barony. Next came the presentation of the Baronial Awards. Everyone in attendance was thrilled to see Fauna walk up to receive an Award of the Rivenstar. She is an inspiration to all. Another Award of the Rivenstar went to Wilhelm for his willingness to help at every occasion. Lady Danila was awarded the Defender of Rivenstar for her equestrian activities and Lady Katya was awarded a Silver Acorn for her work in the arts and sciences. Lady Katya is happy to teach sewing and needle crafts at the drop of a hat and she sings beautifully. One major part of Court this year was the changing of officers. Rivenstar's Herald is now Lord Emil Allzuwissender. The new Seneschal is Lady Danila of Dacia and the new Marshal is Lord Arundel. After Court broke up, dancing ensued. Everyone had a great time!



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	5	6	7
8	9 Madrigals (7) & Business mtg. (8) STEW 204	10	11 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	12	13	14
15	16 No Room	17	18 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	19	20	21
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