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The RivenSTAR

Coronation Choir Had Two Command Performances



The Kingdom Coronation Choir came together under the leadership of Professor Pieter van Doorn for the first

time in many years to perform for the Coronation of Their Royal Majesties Cameron and Amalie on 3 May in the Shire of Mynydd Seren. There were only two

rehearsals before this grand performance. Pieter was able to put sheet music and parts on Facebook so everyone knew their parts and the performance went off beautifully,



Demo in Otterbein helped Library kick off Summer Reading Program.

Rivenstarkans were happy to help the Otterbein Public Library kick off its summer reading program with style. Lady Marilynde of the Rocks,



Rivenstar's Chatelaine helped organize the event and offered each child his or her name in calligraphy. There was fencing and heavy fighting of course as well as coloring pages for the children to



create their own coats of arms and a table full of garb for them to try out. (Continued on

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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.

Wednesdays

8:00 pm - Heavy and Rapier Fighter Practice Held at the Purdue Armory on Campus (summer hours differ) Contact: Uaisle Malie Bean MhicAoid' (Tammy E. Holwin) email: thatcutefencer@gmail.com

Sundays

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

Archery Practice - Some Sundays, look for information on the RivenList

More Activities!

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

Sewing Circles occur at random times when they are needed.

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Monday, April 14, 2014

Event Reports: Takaya, Pieter, Nan and Drake went to the Crystal Chamfron Equestrian Event in St. Louis. It was hot. Drake reported a great lunch was served. Pieter reported that feast was great too, with "pork wings" which kind of looked like a drumstick. They cooked outside over an open fire. There was a gazpacho with croutons that was great too. They had a traction trebuchet. There was archery and thrown weapons and a Princess. The Princess afforded Pieter a Moonwulf Moment. Shadow had been acting up all day, tossing his head etc. so Pieter rode up to the Princess and told Shadow to bow to her—and he did! He'd been rubbing his head on his foreleg anyway but she didn't need to know that! She was gleeful and laughed. The Tourney after Dark was pretty scary. Some horses objected mightily to it and one even got away. There were mounted relays with many, many steps to take a message from one dragon to another. Gwen won with penache

Olwen, Aurora and Marian made some food for the Feast of Three Saints on Saturday. Tasting occurred.

Officer Reports: Chatelaine—Rocky will be at practice with garb for those who need it and she'll bring Gold Key to Three Saints.

Baroness—Takaya noted that our event is this weekend. Everyone work! and have fun!
Baron—Wulf proclaimed, "What her Excellency said I iterate and reiterate."

Webminister—Yoshichi appreciated all the emails giving him permission to publish contact information. He is now working on re-doing the web page for Rivenstar

A&S—Olwen stated that there will be classes this weekend.

Herald—Aurora made some more gifts of largess—10 sets of cards of all the baronies that can be used to play "Concentration" or other matching games.

Archery—Wilhelm reported that it looked like rain on Sunday but they kept shooting until it finally did. They got some throwing in too. Breanna now has a throwing knife. No practice this weekend. It is Easter for some and others will be too tired from the event.

Chronicler—nothing to report

Madrigals—"We are ready to go," quoth Pieter.

There is a full Coronation Choir practice on Saturday at the event

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Monday, April 21, 2014

Officer Reports: Chronicler—Marian is looking for photos of Three Saints and a Peacock. Now that the Feasting is done the chronicling can begin. Thank you to John Skinner who already gave her a disc of photos.

Student Org.—Wilhelm is looking into buying loaner armor and gear with the money in the student org. accounts. The students had a good showing at Three Saints.

Herald—Aurora has nothing to report and is busy with other things. She would love to be busy with heraldic things so if you are looking for a name or device, please see her.

A&S—Olwen reports 95 days to Land Grab. She asked what classes were at Three Saints? Olwen spent the day in the kitchen and didn't get out to see the classes. Gallien told us that Aurora's class on "pouncing" was a perfect example of how to teach a class. All the tools and materials were there and available. Sionnain Conway taught a dance class and later conducted the dancing in the evening. Nicodemus held an "Intro to Falconry" class.

Baron—"Well done folks." People had a really good time and there were lots of good Facebook comments. The Baronial Report has been done by Her Excellency.

Baroness—Takaya thanked everyone for working because everyone was needed to make the event successful.

Marshal—Malie reported that a new to the SCA family attended with a little boy named O... who wants to do EVERYTHING! especially fencing.

Archery—Wilhelm announced that archery practice will be held next week barring weather.

SOC—Griffin asked some folks from Sternfeld to help out next fall with the call-out. He's also working

on a posterboard and wants to get flyers up early and often next school year. The more bodies who are willing to help the better. He'd like to shoot for a display case perhaps once a month. He was informed that though they are locked, they are not 100% secure and not to put valuables there. Better to stay with photos.

people have Google maps or a Garmin but sometimes those things fail and not everyone has them available so for now, we will keep the signs.

This was a good site for a small event. Gallien wanted to talk about the Fairgrounds for next year because it will probably be a larger event due to the 40th anniversary year. The Tippecanoe County

Seneschal—Gallien will be taking over as Seneschal. He is very computer literate and will be able to get great multi-method communications out to the populace. Start planning now to help Griffin out. It would be good to plan 3-4 months worth of displays for a display case in Stewart Center. Dani added a couple of side bars, 1)Gallien is taking over as Seneschal and 2) Adam MacAoidh is going to pick up all the paperwork from her because he is going to be Gallien's deputy.

Olwen is also looking for someone to be the MOAS for Rivenstar. She has a deputy who will be ready to take over (Aurora) as soon as the Herald's position is taken by someone else.

Gallien suggested that just as Rivenstarkans go to Sternfeld for "Throwdown", maybe Rivenstar could host an archery "throwdown". As part of our 40th year celebration, Arrantxa suggested we open our gates more to celebrate throughout the year rather than just at the Spring Feast of Three Saints. Dani noted that the Barony needs to be rejuvenated. People need to be more involved and more people need to be involved to move things around.

Current Business: Three Saints wrap-up—The numbers are in and the cashbox total was \$1635.00. There were slightly more than 100 people in attendance. Adam noted that though it was many months of preparation, he considers the event a success. What can be better for next year? Wulf noted that if we use the same site again, we need to take the prevailing wind into account. Wulf lost a tent fly pole. Merchants were in a great place this year—leeward. The fighters didn't like the tarmac. Never use the County Road address on literature, use the Haggerty Road address. The county road address sends people in a very wrong direction. Attendees gave us kudos for having the signs up the night before the event (Friday night). The question was brought up of whether or not we really needed signs because most

people have Google maps or a Garmin but sometimes those things fail and not everyone has them available so for now, we will keep the signs. because it will probably be a larger event due to the 40th anniversary year. The Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds are a great site for a large event but the kitchen leaves a great deal to be desired. It would take major planning to use them again but it can be done. Françoise noted that Rivenstar is constantly going to be up against other events because there are so many more groups now to take into consideration. We got a huge price break this year at the Armory. It looks like the total rent might be only \$500 rather than the \$900 it should have been. Aurora noted under the heading of things that could have gone better that the armory site is butt ugly. She is looking for ways to maybe do some decorating beforehand next year. She asked if Columbian Park might be a possible site but one drawback is that it is open to the public so anyone can wander in. Dani noted that wherever we go, someone should enter the site a week or 3-4 days ahead to inspect and make sure the equipment works, the gas is on and there is soap in the dish-machine—all issues that plagued us this year. We had an industrial sized bubble maker this year because the person assigned to help us didn't know what kind of detergent to put in the machine and he put in a sudsing type rather than the non-bubble kind. Moonwulf proposed that in a few months, we hash out possible feast sites perhaps over several meetings to determine which ones to try for next year. At the end of the event, Sergeant Howesen expressed concern over all the problems we had, so we may get more money back than we hoped. One thing for next year is to consider gluten free and allergen free choices on the menu. One problem that was caught and quickly corrected was that someone had an open flame candle at their table. Malie gave kudos to Wednesday Company. They showed up and made things happen!

Other Business: Register for Pennsic!

Monday, April 28, 2014

This is an unofficial event report although many members of the SCA were there. Our Lord Baron Moonwulf was inducted into the filk music Hall of Fame in Ontario this past weekend.

Event Reports: Malie and Adam went to "This Land". They report that Dragon's Veil is no longer a shire and is donating it's funding to the future Barony of Shadowed Stars. They noted that the fencers helped the merchants to unload and load out again. Archery happened on Sunday at Huis Doorn. Breanna threw her knife. They have a new archery target in the orchard as A..... has taken to over shooting. Equestrian riding also happened on Saturday. Officer Reports with Gallien on deck as the "almost" official Seneschal. Student Org.—The SO now has a new student president; Bethie with Michelle being the new Treasurer. Rocky reported making a profit on the lunch tavern at Three Saints. She has \$85.00 to deposit in the Student Org. account. Summer meeting dates through August 25th are set through BOSA and the Armory is booked for the summer as well. The Student Org has plans to get new loaner gear for fencers. Gallien as faculty advisor would like to explore the possibility of the fencers helping to defray the costs or maybe look at applying for a grant.

Chronicler—nothing to report

Archery—There may be archery next week and will definitely be archery at Coronation with some shooting in various positions such as out of an arrow slit. Herald—Aurora is looking for a replacement Herald and hoping to take over as A&S officer if a Herald can be found.

Rapier Marshal—Malie said to check Facebook for fencing schedule. Fencing will move to Slayter Hill on May 14th beginning at 6 PM.

Webminister—Yoshichi uploaded the recipes from Three Saints to the website and updated it.

A&S—There are 88 days to Land Grab. Olwen is looking forward to Aurora taking over this office. Look for Pennsic registration deadlines. Snail Mail deadline is May 25th, online unpaid is June 11th and online paid is June 16th.

Chatelaine—There is a demo coming up this week

in Otterbein. This is the kick-off for their summer reading program on May 10th from 1 PM to 2:30 PM. Fighters and A&S demonstrators are needed. Then in October, the LaDoga School "ren faire" demo is to take place. It is the day right after the end of the Fishers Ren Faire so they get participants from it too. Rocky goes and does calligraphy. Pieter and Nan go and do a castle presentation. The kids move from station to station throughout the day.

Exchequer—Francoise deposited money on Tuesday. Page 1 of the event report is done. Aendru Delchambre hurt his shoulder in a wrestling demo and Rocky had to get stitches in her finger. Still to come: a discussion with the armory on the price due to the problems with the dish room and kitchen. It looks right now like we made \$218.62 and paid out \$115 in non-member fees.

Baroness—Register for Pennsic in time so we get our land then give Adam your tent measurements. (Baron said "what she said.")

Equestrian—Pieter has drafted his neighbors to help clean up the property for the equestrian event in July. There is lots of prep work to be done; equipment to schlep, tote and carry. Kiltigern had numerous class ideas and let Pieter know them.

Current Business: Gallien noted that next year, the Barony turns 40 years old and we might think about the White Horse Convention Center for that event. The new Cumberland Ave. connection might make this location easier to get to and a good choice.

Monday, May 5, 2014

Some sound parenting advice quoted by Gallien, "Quit squeaking and squealing. You sound like prey. If you want the predators to back off, you have to sound like a lion, not a mouse." *Her Majesty Elizabeth II of Northshield spoken to her daughter*.

Seneschal (acting) - Gallien is back for a second time and proposes to start meetings at 8PM rather than the SCA time of 8:15.

Event Reports: We had a change in year and a change in Crown this week. It was windy and sunny

during court. There were two peerages. The choir rocked. It had been 17 years since the last one. Count Damian said to Pieter after court that this was the choir that he'd wanted at his coronation. Dani sat Webminister—The recipes from Three Saints were next to a baroness from the west who had just moved into the Midrealm and answered many questions on who was who etc. The Rivenstar Madrigali had a reuntion at 1 PM. Petra and Dennis came down from photos and stories to put up on the Baronial Web-Wisconsin to join the reunion. Duchess Katheryn's team won the Rose Tourney. Wulf noted that there may be a new order in the way a peerage is given that Current Business: Equestrian Event—Pieter menwill shorten up the entire ceremony. The Kingdom now has a Royal Wizard; Dr. Henry Best. He is to organize a 30 min. "pre-show" before Court. There was archery and ax throwing as well as dancing.

There was archery practice at Huis Doorn on Sunday.

Officer Reports: Chatelaine—There is a demo this Saturday at Otterbein Library for about an hour and a half. It is on both the Rivenlist and Facebook page. So far Wulf, Gallien, Pieter, Rocky, Griffin and Marian are planning to attend. Griffin also said that he'd bring some other fighters. Rocky will sort through Gold Key and bring some garb for the kids to try on. There will also be crayons and blank shield possibility of a larger event. We may need better shapes so people can design their own heraldry. Rocky noted that the next demo is scheduled for August in Michiana area and a third demo slated for Oct. 6 at LaDoga Elementary School the Monday after Fischers Renaissance Faire. Rocky makes calligraphy cards of every one of the 300+ students' names as they roll through the stations about 15 min per stop. Rocky also noted that her Chatelaine report line pre-pay web based system for paying and prewas due but the website was down. It seems to be up registration at events. Many groups are using this now so her report will go in. Griffin and Gallien posted flyers and other items on Boilerlink. Griffin has been trying to organize heavy fighting on the Memorial Mall as well.

Baroness—Nothing to report

Exchequer—Françoise knows which reports to do now that she went to the Exchequer's meeting at Coronation. She sent the right reports to the right people in the right place.

Baron—Wulf indicated that the Baronial Polling deadline is coming due by May 17th. Make sure to send your responses in. This is baronial feedback to

the Crown on its' success. The second deadline he mentioned was the fast approaching end of open signups for Pennsic.

up and down and up again. The server did the same. Yoshichi thanked the people who helped him out by testing the webpage. He is looking for page. He needs a history of Rivenstar. He also has a report to be filed this week.

tioned that maybe there should be an authorization class at the event since it is looking to be a larger event than in the past. Mikki could do different styles of braiding. She will also do a class on the modern war-horse. Pieter requested Drake to help with the ground crew which means putting targets back up during the event. Pieter asked for several hands to do this if possible. The Barony supports the event and will help out where ever possible. There will probably be a ground crew training session on a Sunday afternoon at riding practice a little closer to the event. Takaya mentioned that there may be Royals at the event which ramps up the food and more help. Mikki is now in charge of "pony rides". More area has to be cleared and more port-o-castles and showers set up. There also has to be advance notice on the webpage of the food and shower arrangements. There will be equestrian practice tomorrow and Sunday afternoon. Françoise is looking into "Accepts" an on-

Other Business: Rocky will be out for the next two weeks. On Saturday the Children's Museum in Indy has a new exhibit opening on the Terra Cotta Warriors.

Monday, May 12, 2014

Event Reports: Rivenstar had a demo at the Otterbein Library. There were 2 fencers and 4 heavies. Marian read the "thank you" note from the librarian and noted that she sent some photos and videos. Besides fighting, there was calligraphy and costuming. Over 40 people attended the event to kick off the summer reading program.

Saturday and Sunday there was a quasi SCA rescue mission to help Enkara and Aendru at their homestead. Gallien, Wulf and Pieter helped work on their the next issue and perhaps could be used for the house because of Aendru's shoulder injury. Enkara said that they got further along in one day than they would have been if Aendru hadn't been injured. They were pleased.

Officer Reports: Seneschal—Gallien said that the webminister Yoshichi sent him a message to say that he sent in his quarterly report and that website updates have been done and are ongoing. Gallien now has all the boxes-o-stuff from Dani's and completed the change of officer form so he will be official shortly.

Exchequer—Françoise said that Old National wants documentation to the effect of officers change of office. She is also trying to get the "Accepts" thing going to get the pre-reg money coming in for the Equestrian Event.

Herald—Aurora is seeking a replacement and someone has agreed to be the next Herald but may not be taking the position for a few weeks until he is a paid member. In that case, Aurora would then take over the A&S officer spot because Olwen is looking for a replacement too. Between the Herald and A&S positions. Aurora has a notion that she'd like to make standards to put at the entrance to our events to create excitement and authenticity. She proposes to represent fencing, archery, equestrian activities and thrown weapons. Discussion ensued with remarks that silk is better because it flutters well and has less drag on poles among many other topics on the subject. Then Aurora brought up another topic which took a great deal of discussion. The Barony does not have an actual registered populace badge. Aurora would like to have one registered. The question them comes up that if the Rivenstar used for the Order of the Rivenstar is used as a populace badge then what of the significance of the actual Order of the Rivenstar badge. So, it was determined that a new badge would have to be designed to fit the bill. Aurora will try to work something up and bring it to next week's meeting.

Chronicler—Marian was finally able to hand out the

RivenSTAR issue that was done last week but she couldn't print. Thanks go to Wulf who got it printed for her. She noted that Lauren from the Otterbein Library sent some great photos that she'll include in Facebook page as well.

Archery—there will be practice next Sunday weather permitting. Thursday practices will start maybe next week.

Current Business: Equestrian Event—The equestrian dean has formally approved the event. Pieter has the PR channels in place. He sent out an e-mail asking for instructors. There is already a full slate of classes but he is looking for others to teach as well as Kiltigern to spare her a full day of teaching. They are not ready to work on the property yet but needs some work on the gaming set of equipment. There was much discussion on how to make lasting equipment. There is a plan to get together on the May 31st weekend to work at Huis Doorn to clean up the arboretum. Pieter raised the question that now that we know there will be a Royal presence a the event, do we want to give them a hotel room or make other arrangements? The Barony members present voted to front a hotel room if that is what Their Majesties want. Noted also, Marian will need more kitchen help than in past years because there will be more mouths to feed. The menu will be on the website by the second week of June.

Chatelaine Report: #of new participants—8, # new to SCA—4, \$ of transplants from another kingdom—1, # returning after a period of inactivity—3.

Recruiting Activities: partook in the Purdue Boiler Links Announcement. Activities to integrate new people into the group: brought garb to fighter practice. Had private session with a few filk. Others in the group had sewing sessions, fencing classes for newbies. A lot of us have picked up and driven people to archery practice, demos and fighting practices. Positive Public Relations Activities: Any area we have used is cleaner when we leave. Demos: not much activity due to weather and requests happening when events going on. Handling 3 requests for demos in the next 6 months. Problems you are working on: more garb donated, more repair work needed. Good things to report: Looks like increased interest in getting dancing going again.

More Photos from Kingdom Coronation













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(Continued from Page 1 Otterbein) Rocky also



brought a number of great books on costuming, life and times of the medieval period and pop up books for all ages too. The main features of

course were the fighting, the swords and shields and trying on Baron Moonwulf's helm and mail. The librarian was





very please to tell us that over 40 people turned out for the event.

Photos courtesy of Marian Hryhorcova

Note of Thanks from

Otterbein.

Thank you so much for coming out to Otterbein! The demonstrations, music, clothes, and calligraphy were all wonderful. Your professionalism and



knowledge made it all run very smoothly. We had several children ask to check out books about medieval fighting and calligraphy. We had 41 total participants which is wonderful for our small town.



I will definitely recommend the SCA to any other library coordinators looking for a fun and educational program. I will be sending pictures and videos your way! Lauren M. Lee, Programs Coordinator, Otterbein Public Library. (photos courtesy of Lauren M. Lee reprinted by permission.)

Special Thanks to the Kitchen Staff from Three Saints

Marian Hryhorcova, Feast-o-crat from Three Saints and a Peacock sends out thanks to the many volun-

teers from Rivenstar and beyond who helped create the delicious feast that it was. Baroness Takaya and Lady Olwen were instrumental in planning and buying for the event as well as countless hours spent in the kitchen. Lady Aurora helped with both advance feast prep and helped on the day of the event. Lady Danilla, Lady Nan Astrid, Lady Breanna, Lord Wilhelm, Lord Boen, Lady Nina, Lady Catriona, Drake, Erik and most especially Lady Sionnain Conway from Mynnydd Seren all contributed their many talents during the preparation of the Feast. Thanks as well to all the servers and people who helped with the dishes, packing, unpacking and washing them. Thanks to one and all!



June 2014

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