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January Business Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019

In attendance: Christopher, Serena,
Matthew, Adriana, Richard, Mary, Rebecca, Valdr, Caitilin, Naila, Alysa,
Harald, Ceridwen

Business Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm at Big Larry’s Comic Book Cafe, Leonardtwn, MD 20650.

Old Business

Serena:

Found the 4 Seasons banners, which are now in her possession. They are huge. Don't have all of the stands, will get them made. No knowledge of war banner's location.

Large serving trays - if we are getting rid of them, someone she knows would like to buy them.

Birthday site fee - we gave \$300, Joshua wanted to donate more but is not here for discussion.

No progress re new loaner armor.

Chris talked to Lusby community center re storage site, they wanted info about square footage wanted & value of stored items.

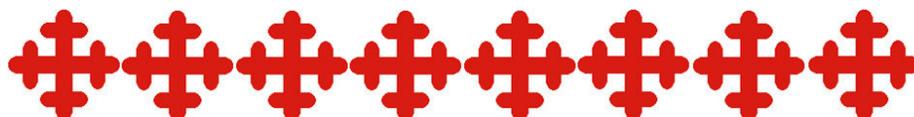
New Business

Reviving ADITME: a group is looking into revamping exterior list fence (*I'm not sure these two things were connected, my notes are cryptic here.*)

Discussed insurance questions re a new site, discussed list of venues.

Next Birthday - Bright Hills wants to host equestrian & archery event the same day, they contacted us on sharing the date. We said OK, but we should spike the date for Birthday. Need budget before spiking. The price cannot go up after spiking, and there needs to be a reservation person. This is a good event for a first-time autocrat. May put in a standby team & plan, to lock in the date, with a replacement autocrat later. Alysa would like to autocrat a midsummer event, but date is already taken, maybe will organize something informal this summer. Would autocrat Birthday for practice & do real event next midsummer.

Harald - do we have a heraldic tabard for the barony? Answer: no, but we should. Serena may be able to find one; there was one that Matthias passed to Isolde.



Officer Reports

B & B's Report

Baron & Baroness going to 12th Night. Harald tentatively going to Gulf Wars. Still looking online at field coronet possibilities.

Seneschal's Report

Will submit quarterly report this week. A slight issue on nonmember report from Birthday was fixed. Seneschal's warrant ends in March - will continue if there are no other candidates. But other candidates are encouraged.

Chronicler's Report

Main problem was remembering that this is the new month! Alysa volunteered to serve as Deputy.

Herald's Report

Quarterly report submitted on time. Is helping a few people with names & heraldry - planning a class on this in the next few months.

Chatelaine's Report

No report.

Quartermaster's Report

Richard Poschet will become the quartermaster. He should set up a time to inspect shed with Seneschal & Exchequer.

Minister of Arts & Sciences Report

No report.

Youth Minister Report

No report.

Minister of the Lists' Report

No report.

Knight Marshal's Report

No report. Seneschal will speak to him to see if he wishes to continue; if he wishes to be replaced, there is a volunteer.

Webminister's Report

There's a new section for financial documents, open only to Seneschal & Exchequer.

Exchequer's Report

Doomsday report is done, ready to submit after seneschal's review. Checkbook balance \$6931.64. There are 2 outstanding checks. Warrant expires in September, intends to continue in office.

Chronicler's Choice

This month debuts interesting material found by Deputy Chronicler Alysa:
a Robin Hood ballad from about 1500.

ROBIN HOOD AND THE POTTER

THE TEXT is modernised, as far as is possible, from a MS. of about 1500 in the University Library at Cambridge (Ee. 4, 35). The ballad was first printed therefrom by Ritson in his *Robin Hood* (1795), vol. i. p. 81, on the whole very accurately, and with a few necessary emendations. He notes that the scribe was evidently 'a vulgar and illiterate person' who 'irremediably corrupted' the ballad. In several places, however, a little ingenuity will restore a lost rhyme.

THE STORY, of an outlaw disguising himself in order to gain information from his enemies, is common to the legends of Hereward the Saxon, Wallace, Eustace the monk, and Fulk Fitz Warine, the first three of whom assumed the guise of a potter at one time or another.

The ballad of *Robin Hood and the Butcher* is a tale similar to this; and part of the Play of Robin Hood is based on this ballad.

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| <p>1. In summer, when the leavës spring,
 The blossoms on every bough,
 So merry doth the birdës sing
 In woodës merry now.</p> <p>2. Hearken, good yeomen,
 Comely, courteous, and good;
 One of the best that ever bare bow,
 His name was Robin Hood.</p> <p>3. Robin Hood was the yeoman's name,
 That was both courteous and free;
 For the love of Our Lady
 All women worshipped he.</p> <p>4. But as the good yeoman stood on a day,
 Among his merry meynë,
 He was ware of a proud potter
 Came driving over the lee.</p> <p>5. 'Yonder cometh a proud potter,' said Robin,
 'That long hath haunted this way;
 He was never so courteous a man
 One penny of pavage¹ to pay.'</p> | <p>6. 'I met him but at Wentbridge,' said Little John,
 'And therefore evil mote he thee!
 Such three strokës he me gave,
 That by my sides cleft they.</p> <p>7. 'I lay forty shillings,' said Little John,
 'To pay it this same day,
 There is not a man among us all
 A wed² shall make him lay.'</p> <p>8. 'Here is forty shillings,' said Robin,
 'More, and³ thou dare say,
 That I shall make that proud potter,
 A wed to me shall he lay.'</p> <p>9. There this money they laid,
 They toke⁴ it a yeoman to keep.
 Robin before the potter he breyde⁵
 And bade him stand still.</p> |
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1 'pavage,' road-tax.

2 'wed,' pledge, wager.

3 'and,' if.

4 'toke,' gave.

5 'breyde,' rushed, leapt.

10. Hands upon his horse he laid,
And bade the potter stand full still;
The potter shortly to him said,
'Fellow, what is thy will?'
11. 'All this three year and more, potter,' he said,
'Thou hast haunted this way,
Yet were thou never so courteous a man
One penny of pavage to pay.'
12. 'What is thy name,' said the potter,
'Fore pavage thou ask of me?'
'Robin Hood is my name,
A wed shall thou leave me.'
13. 'Wed will I none leave,' said the potter,
'Nor pavage will I none pay;
Away thy hand fro my horse!
I will thee tene⁶ else, by my fay.'
14. The potter to his cart he went,
He was not to seek;
A good two-hand staff he hent,
Before Robin he leaped.
15. Robin out with a sword bent,
A buckler in his hand;
The potter to Robin he went
And said, 'Fellow, let my horse go.'
16. Together then went these two yeomen,
It was a good sight to see;
Thereof low Robin his men,⁷
There they stood under a tree.
17. Little John to his fellows said,
'Yon potter will stiffly stand':
The potter, with an ackward⁸ stroke,
Smote the buckler out of his hand.
18. And ere Robin might get it again
His buckler at his feet,
The potter in the neck him took,
To the ground soon he yede⁹.
19. That saw Robin his men
As they stood under a bough;
'Let us help our master,' said Little John,
'Yonder potter else will him slo.'¹⁰
20. These yeomen went with a breyde,¹¹
To their master they came.
Little John to his master said
'Who hath the wager won?'
21. 'Shall I have your forty shillings,' said Little
John,
'Or ye, master, shall have mine?'
'If they were a hundred,' said Robin,
'I' faith, they been all thine.'
22. 'It is full little courtesy,' said the potter,
'As I have heard wise men say,
If a poor yeoman come driving on the way
To let¹² him of his journey.'
23. 'By my troth, thou says sooth,' said Robin,
'Thou says good yeomanry;
And¹³ thou drive forth every day,
Thou shalt never be let for me.'
24. 'I will pray thee, good potter,
A fellowship will thou have?
Give me thy clothing, and thou shalt have
mine;
I will go to Nottingham.'

9 'yede,' went.

10 'slo,' slay.

11 'a breyde,' haste.

12 'let,' stop, hinder.

13 'And,' if.

6 'tene,' harm.

7 *i.e.* thereat laughed Robin's men.

8 'ackward,' back-handed (?).

25. 'I grant thereto,' said the potter;
 'Thou shalt find me a fellow good;
 But¹⁴ thou can sell my pottës well,
 Come again as thou yode.'¹⁵
26. 'Nay, by my troth,' said Robin,
 'And then I beshrew my head,
 If I bring any pottës again,
 And any wife will them chepe.'¹⁶
27. Then spake Little John,
 And all his fellows hend;
 'Master, be well ware of the sheriff of
 Nottingham,
 For he is little our friend.'
28. 'Heyt war howt,'¹⁷ said Robin;
 'Fellows, let me alone;
 Through the help of Our Lady,
 To Nottingham will I gone.'
29. Robin went to Nottingham,
 These pottës for to sell;
 The potter abode with Robin's men,
 There he fared not ill.
30. Though Robin drove on his way,
 So merry over the land:
 Here is more, and after is to say
 The best is behind.
31. When Robin came to Nottingham,
 The sooth if I should say,
 He set up his horse anon,
 And gave him oats and hay.
32. In the midst of the town,
 There he showed his ware;
 'Pottës, pottës,' he gan cry full soon,

14 'But,' unless.

15 'yode,' went.

16 'chepe,' bargain for, buy.

17 'Heyt war howt,' a call to horses while driving, like the modern 'Gee up.'

- 'Have hanel for the mare!'¹⁸
33. Full often against the sheriff's gate
 Showëd he his chaffare;¹⁹
 Wives and widows about him drew
 And chepëd fast of his ware.
34. Yet, 'Pottës, great chepe!'²⁰ cried Robin,
 'I love evil thus to stand.'
 And all that saw him sell
 Said he had be no potter long.
35. The pottës that were worth pence five,
 He sold them for pence three;
 Privily said man and wife,
 'Yonder potter shall never thee.'²¹
36. Thus Robin sold full fast,
 Till he had pottës but five;
 Up he them took off his car
 And sent them to the sheriff's wife.
37. Thereof she was full fain;²²
 'Gramercy, sir,' then said she;
 'When ye come to this country again
 I shall buy of thy pottës, so mote I thee.'
38. 'Ye shall have of the best,' said Robin,
 And sware by the Trinity;
 Full courteously she gan him call,
 'Come dine with the sheriff and me.'
39. 'God amercy,' said Robin,
 'Your bidding shall be done.'
 A maiden in the pottës gan bear,
 Robin and the sheriff wife followed anon.

18 'hanel' is a gift, especially an 'earnest' or instalment; 'mare' probably is 'more'; but the meaning of the whole phrase is uncertain.

19 'chaffare,' merchandise.

20 'great chepe' = great bargain.

21 'thee,' thrive.

22 'fain,' glad.

40. When Robin into the hall came,
The sheriff soon he met;
The potter could of courtesy,²³
And soon the sheriff he gret.²⁴
41. ‘Lo, sir, what this potter hath give you and
me;
Five pottēs small and great!’
‘He is full welcome,’ said the sheriff,
‘Let us wash, and go to meat.’
42. As they sat at their meat,
With a noble cheer,
Two of the sheriff’s men gan speak
Of a great wager;
43. Of a shooting was good and fine,
Was made the other day,
Of forty shillings, the sooth to say,
Who should this wager win.
44. Still then sat this proud potter,
Thus then thought he;
‘As I am a true Christian man,
This shooting will I see.’
45. When they had fared of the best,
With bread, and ale, and wine,
To the butts they made them prest,²⁵
With bows and bolts full fine.
46. The sheriff’s men shot full fast,
As archers that were good;
There came none near nigh the mark
By half a good archer’s bow.
47. Still then stood the proud potter,
Thus then said he;
‘And²⁶ I had a bow, by the rood,
One shot should ye see.’
48. ‘Thou shall have a bow,’ said the sheriff,
‘The best that thou will choose of three;
Thou seemest a stalwart and a strong,
Assay[ed] shall thou be.’
49. The sheriff commanded a yeoman that stood
them by,
After bows to wend;
The best bow that the yeoman brought,
Robin set on a string.
50. ‘Now shall I wot and thou be good,
And pull it up to thine ear.’
‘So God me help,’ said the proud potter,
‘This is but right weak gear.’
51. To a quiver Robin went,
A good bolt out he took;
So nigh unto the mark he went,
He failēd not a foot.
52. All they shot about again,
The sheriff’s men and he;
Of the mark he would not fail,
He cleft the prick in three.
53. The sheriff’s men thought great shame
The potter the mastery won;
The sheriff laughed and made good game,
And said, ‘Potter, thou art a man.
54. . 2 7
‘Thou art worthy to bear a bow
In what place that thou go.’
55. ‘In my cart I have a bow,
Forsooth,’ he said, ‘and that a good;
In my cart is the bow
That gave me Robin Hood.’
56. ‘Knowest thou Robin Hood?’ said the
sheriff;
‘Potter, I pray thee tell thou me.’
‘A hundred turn I have shot with him,
Under his trystell-tree.’
- 27 Two lines missing in the Manuscript.

23 ‘could of courtesy,’ knew how to be courteous.

24 ‘gret,’ greeted

25 ‘prest,’ quickly.

26 ‘And,’ if.

57. 'I had liefer nor a hundred pound,' said the
sheriff,
And sware by the Trinity,
' 2 8
That the false outlaw stood by me.'
58. 'And ye will do after my rede,'²⁹ said the
potter,
'And boldly go with me,
And tomorrow, ere we eat bread,
Robin Hood will we see.'
59. 'I will quite³⁰ thee,' quoth the sheriff,
'I swear by God of might.'
Shooting they left and home they went,
Their supper was ready dight.³¹
60. Upon the morrow, when it was day,
He busked³² him forth to ride;
The potter his cart forth gan ray,³³
And would not leave behind.
61. He took leave of the sherriff's wife,
And thanked her of all thing:
'Dame, for my love and you will this wear,
I give you here a gold ring.'
62. 'Gramercy,' said the wife,
'Sir, God yield it thee.'³⁴
The sheriff's heart was never so light,
The fair forest to see.

28 Line missing in the MS

29 'rede,' advice.

30 'quite' = requite.

31 'dight,' prepared.

32 'busked,' made ready.

33 'ray' = array.

34 'yield it thee,' reward thee for it.

63. And when he came into the forest,
Under the leavës green,
Birdës there sang on boughës prest,³⁵
It was great joy to see.
64. 'Here it is merry to be,' said Robin,
'For a man that had ought to spend;
By my horn I shall awit³⁶
If Robin Hood be here.'
65. Robin set his horn to his mouth,
And blew a blast that was full good;
That heard his men that there stood,
Far down in the wood.
66. 'I hear my master blow,' said Little John,
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They ran as they were wood.³⁸
67. When they to their master came,
Little John would not spare;
'Master, how have you fare in Nottingham?
How have you sold your ware?'
68. 'Yea, by my troth, Little John,
Look thou take no care;
I have brought the sheriff of Nottingham,
For all our chaffare.'
69. 'He is full welcome,' said Little John,
'This tiding is full good.'
The sheriff had liefer nor a hundred pound
He had never seen Robin Hood.
70. 'Had I wist that before,
At Nottingham when we were,
Thou should not come in fair forest
Of all this thousand year.'

35 'prest,' freely.

36 'awit': either = wit, know, or = await.

37 Two lines omitted in the MS.

38 'wood,' mad.

71. 'That wot I well,' said Robin,
 'I thank God that ye be here;
 Therefore shall ye leave your horse with us
 And all your other gear.'

72. 'That fend I god's forbode,'³⁹ quoth the
 sheriff,
 So to loose my good;

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73. 'Hither ye came on horse full high,
 And home shall ye go on foot;
 And greet well thy wife at home,
 The woman is full good.

74. 'I shall her send a white palfrey,
 It ambleth, by my fay,

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75. 'I shall her send a white palfrey,
 It ambleth as the wind;
 Nere for the love of your wife,⁴²
 Of more sorrow should you sing!'

76. Thus parted Robin Hood and the sheriff;
 To Nottingham he took the way;
 His wife fair welcomed him home,
 And to him gan she say:

77. 'Sir, how have you fared in green forest?
 Have ye brought Robin home?'
 'Dame, the devil speed him, both body and
 bone;
 I have had a full great scorn.

78. 'Of all the good that I have led to green
 wood,
 He hath take it fro me;
 All but this fair palfrey,
 That he hath sent to thee.'

79. With that she took up a loud laughing,
 And sware by him that died on tree,
 'Now have you paid for all the pottës
 That Robin gave to me.

80. 'Now ye be come home to Nottingham,
 Ye shall have good enow.'
 Now speak we of Robin Hood,
 And of the potter under the green bough.

81. 'Potter, what was thy pottës worth
 To Nottingham that I led with me?'
 'They were worth two nobles,' said he,
 'So mote I thrive or thee;
 So could I have had for them
 And I had there be.'

82. 'Thou shalt have ten pound,' said Robin,
 'Of money fair and free;
 And ever when thou comest to green wood,
 Welcome, potter, to me.'

83. Thus parted Robin, the sheriff, and the
 potter,
 Underneath the green wood tree;
 God have mercy on Robin Hood's soul,
 And save all good yeomanry!



39 A duplicated deprecation: 'I protest—God forbid!'

40 Two lines omitted in the MS.;

41 Two lines omitted in the MS.;

42 'Nere' = ne were, were it not.

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Archery Practice 7:00 PM Sir Jonathas' house	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> Winter University Caer Mear Mineral, VA (Ba)
3	4	5 <i>Chinese New Year</i> Baronial Business Meeting 7:00 PM Big Larry's Leonardtown	6 Fighter Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC Lusby	7	8 Archery Practice 7:00 PM Sir Jonathas' house	9 Bright Hills 25 th Baronial Anniversary Manchester, MD
10	11	12 Lincoln's B-Day Fencing Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC Lusby	13 Fighter Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC Lusby	14 <i>Valentines Day</i>	15 Archery Practice 7:00 PM Sir Jonathas' house	16 Ponte Alto Investiture & Birthday Along the Silk Road Fairfax, VA (Ba?)
17 Southern Baronial A&S Meetup Noon to 3 Mad Moon Cafe California, MD	18 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	19 Fencing Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC Lusby	20 Fighter Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC Lusby	21	22 Archery Practice 7:00 PM Sir Jonathas' <u>house</u> Ymir	23 Ymir Windmaster's Hill Ellerbe, NC (Ba)
24 Ymir Windmaster's Hill Ellerbe, NC (Ba)	25	26 Fencing Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC Lusby	27 Fighter Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC Lusby	28	1	1 Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival Mebane, NC (Ba)

Baronial Progress

Key:

(BnB) – Baron Harald and Baroness Ceridwen

(B) – Baron Harald

(Ba) – Baroness Ceridwen

The Baronial Calendar displays events at nearby locations.

It is not a schedule of all Atlantian events.

For all scheduled events go to

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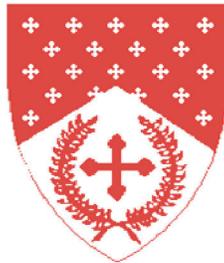
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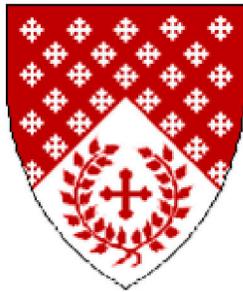
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