

Barony of Dun Carraig

September Vasiness Meeting Minates

CLYFFE NOTES

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In Attendance: Minna, Serena, Mathias, Khadir, Gormr, Isolda, Ro, Lore, Cadfan, Mike, Gwen, Ragnarr, Lynette, Molly, Erwin, Haraald

Birthday:

The bad news is we lost the site at Calvert HS due to cost increase. The good news is we found a new site: St. Paul's Episcopal in Brandywine. St. Paul's has enough room for all activities for no deposit, and total cost, flat fee is \$200. We can get in Friday night, and the site needs to be cleaned up in time for Sunday morning worship (that would be Saturday night for us). Weird kitchen deal (can cook and serve, can't prepare), but

Tirza can work around that). She needs some money—not allocated as "Feast"—for cooking outside. It shouldn't be more than \$100. We're still on for Oct .17. The location is not too far off Rt. 301. We'll have a guick financial committee meeting after this meeting to work out the budget.

Blessing of the Fleet:

BotF is the 3 rd and 4th of October. We didn't go last year because we didn't hear from them. We usually go on the Sunday of that weekend (4th). It will consist of a live demonstration, and a static display. They typically give us some money for lunch. There was a majority vote to do it. 10 people said



Dun Carraig's Arms

Middle Eastern Event:

We have the contract. Lore will go over it to make sure everything is good. We will have to do the insurance thing too (put site on our insurance).

Unevent:

Unevent will be on Dec. 5 in Winston-Salem, NC.

letter from Their Excellencies



nto the most treasured Seadogs of Dun Carraig do your Baron and Baroness send greetings.

As We prepare for Our final event as your Baron and Baroness, Our thoughts turn to those who will pick up the burden of the crown. Not only to Our successors, but to all of Our Seadogs who are willing to step up to the challenge of keeping the Barony running. When We step down, Our office will be filled by one or more gentles who are willing to shoulder the joys, headaches and responsibilities that come with being Baronage. Their new duties will leave a void somewhere else. For those who have toiled long upon their offices (many for two years or more...) and yearn for new challenges and responsibilities within the Kingdom, there will be a void in the Baronial Officer core when they leave. These positions must be filled, not only to keep the Barony strong, but also to help grow and shape the next generation of leaders for Dun Carraig and for Atlantia. Many Kingdom or Society officers got their first experiences as a local officer. The skills learned on a small scale prepared them for larger challenges and greater responsibilities. We hope Our successor(s) will surpass Us in fairness, courtesy and wisdom...for if they do, then We will have done Our duty in preparing Our populace to be better servants of the Barony than We were. In an idealized society, each officer should be striving to make sure they can be replaced at a moments notice and that their replacement will come into the office knowing just a little more than they did when they started. It would be Our hope that Our officers will continue their "goode werkes" and go onto larger and more challenging duties within the Kingdom or Society. And for all of our newer members considering volunteering as an officer, your skills and enthusiasm are NEEDED and WANTED by this Barony. You can never be fully prepared for the surprises the position will hold, but you WILL have the training and support you need to perform your duties. And your Baronage and Barony could never function fully without even one of its officers.

In service to Our Barony and its people,

Erwin Bloodax and Mary Isabel

Seneschal's Report

The Pollings are out. I hope you like the pink paper.

Und's Report

Please send in award recommendations for Our last court. We went to Night at the Oasis and talked up ADITME. It is fast becoming the premier Middle Eastern event.

Chronicler's Report

Nothing to report

beralo's Report

Happy to be here, proud to serve.

QUARTERMASTER'S Report

Now included in the Exchequer report.

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Minister of Minor's Report

Nothing to report

Chatelaine's Report

Nothing to report

Midister of the lists' Report

I won't be at Investiture, but Lore has volunteered to handle MOL-IC for that event and get some help from the MOL list. (Thank you, Lore!) Since Lore is one of the B&B candidates, more help might be needed if she and Cathal are selected. (Lore is handling that.) I'm currently checking on Khadir's authorization renewal. (His card hasn't come in yet.) Currently, it looks like the problem is on my end, and I'll check in with him later this week and get it sorted out.

The Business Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center at 44219 Airport Road, California, MD 20619. For directions go to www.smhec.org.

Webminister's Report

Nothing to Report.

Knizht Marshal's Report

Nothing to Report.

Midister of Arts and Sciences' Report

Nothing to Report

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Coming soon.

Did you find a mistake? Did I misquote someone? Please (kindly) let me know. Email me at Chronicler@ duncarraig.net and I'll correct it in the next newsletter. Clyffe Notes

Pennsic Review

By: Lady Lore Bubeck

Pennsic, how do I love thee? Let me count the ways.

Nah, I can't count that high.

Pennsic was, as usual, wonderful for me. I'm sure some of it is that my very first SCA event was Pennsic and it will always hold a special place in my heart because of that. Another big part of it is my household. We're a bit scattered to the winds these days (from NC, through MD and up to NJ, over to WV and a stray couple in WA) so we don't see each other as much as we'd like. But somehow most of us make it to Pennsic every year. This year we were missing our WA folks as he is currently on active duty in Afghanistan (we love you Shike!) which is tough (on him and us) but for the most part the whole household was there. We just fit and work so well together it amazes me and makes me want to live on a commune with all of them. =) And you don't get a much more diverse group of people. A Russian-accented, Pittsburg-born, former Russian army and US Marine who is a giant (and I do mean giant) teddy bear, a UMC pastor (and Lord of our Household), an esthetician and teacher, a chemist, a tattoo artist, two nurses and a nursing student, two chefs, a law student/woodworker, a horse handler, our Army buddy in Afghanistan and his (in the) Army (also) wife, a gov't finance person, a 15-year-old hockey star, a medical assistant, a Lowes employee, and three electrical engineers. We've got a lot of areas covered! But despite these differences, every year we come together and it's like we were never apart. To me, this is the best part of the magic that is Pennsic. I hope we never lose it.

The magic IS everywhere if you look for it. Our unit (this year a full 1/5 of the Aethelmearc army with just the House and a full 1/3 with the allies who fought as part of our unit) was drummed in every morning by two non early risers (read not before noon!). Neither of which are sworn household members. We're like the Borg. You can't avoid the camaraderie. Resistance is futile - you will have fun! This year we even marched together on the beat by the second day! =) We fought as a unit (or units when asked). We looked after each other. Beaver literally caught Robyn when she was hit so hard in the head that she was knocked unconscious (nice catch Beaver!). The big guys ran onto the field to carry off MFH when his ankle was stomped on when he was down and dead. The crazy building folks in the house actually built crutches for our teddy bear when his knee was injured so he could get back up to the field to at least watch the fighting. And even the toughest, crustiest guys among us will mother hen the injured folks to death!

While the battlefields seemed a little overly aggressive and Rhinoy this year (a topic for another post perhaps), off the field courtesy seems to be on the upswing. Folks seemed a little more polite, a little more concerned, a little more friendly (in a good way) this year. And while some of us were mourning loved ones this Pennsic, we were also comforted by being "home" and with our friends. And that is magic too.

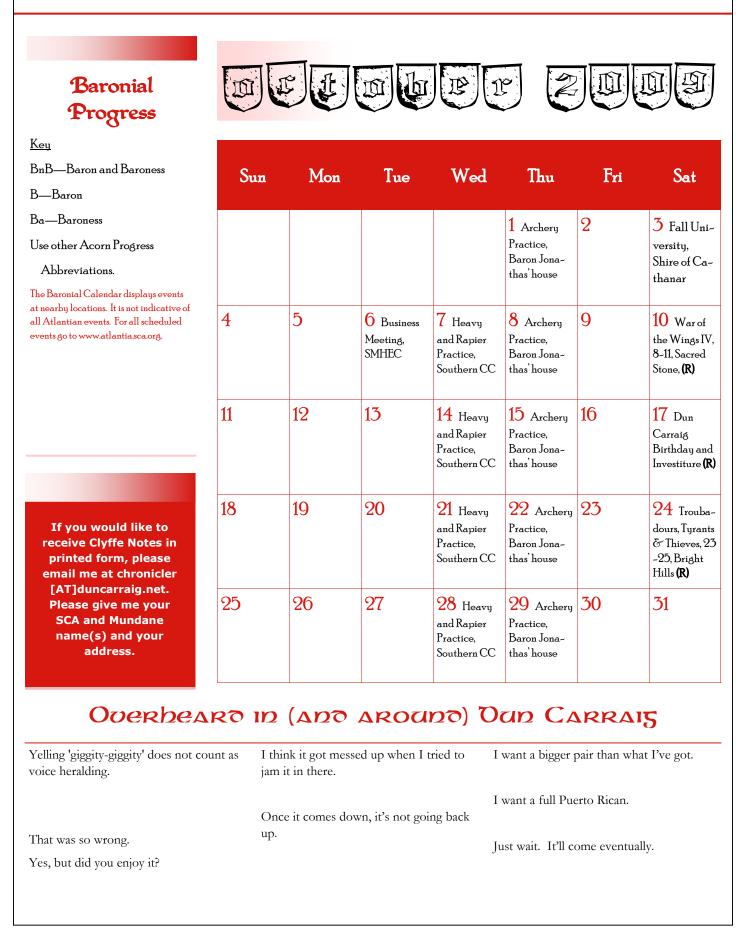
I know I am very lucky to live the life I live and to have an "extra" life in the SCA. I love the folks in my home group and am lucky to have them with me. I love my Household folks and keep them in my heart throughout the year and in my arms at Pennsic. I cherish the time I spend in the game, playing it with all my friends and acquaintances and strangers even, learning new things, fighting by my brothers, living the dream.

So I will finish scrubbing my canvas tents, wash all my garb and put away the empty totes for another year. I will "dress up funny" on the weekends and enjoy myself immensely. I will work on repairing the common area tent and making some more garb. And, frankly, I will spend much of my spare brain time looking forward to the next Pennsic and the magic it brings.

See you next year.

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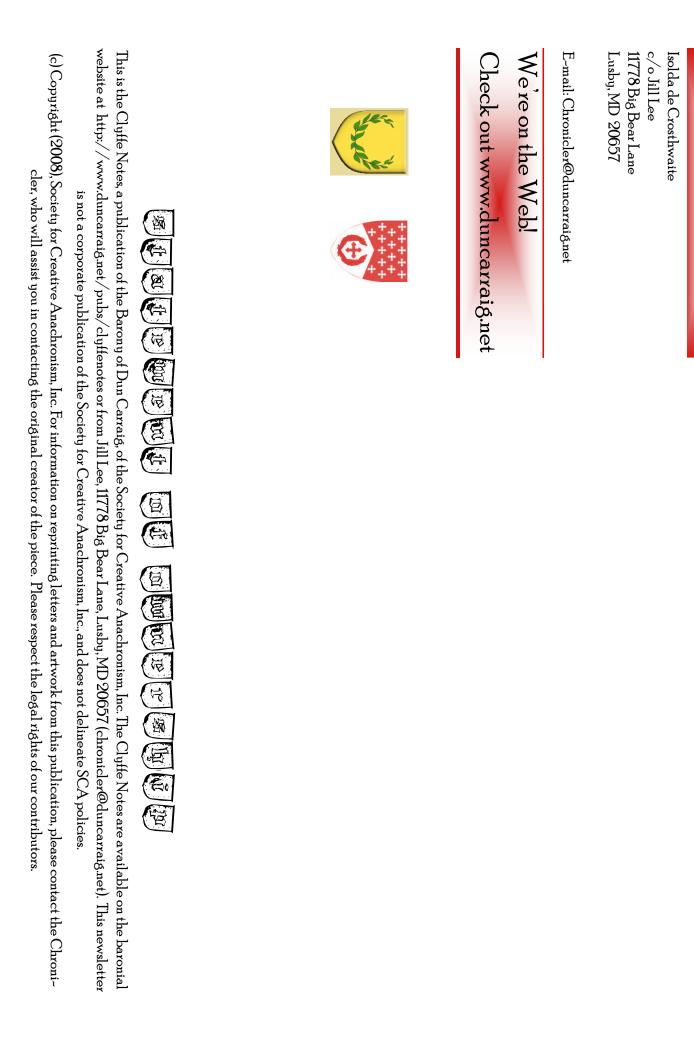
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