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## Mots/Words

### Word of Their Excellencies

Onto the good people of Isle du Dragon Dormant, does Pellandres, dit le frere, send greetings!

Summer is on its way out and soon will we be looking again for indoor sites both for events local and abroad. The dynamics may be different, but either way it is the people you share the event with that are important.

I have not been very active since War but a lot was to be done at home and email access was where I chose to cut. The new schedule at work should help putting me back on track.

At the time you'll read these words we'll be at the Moot where we'll get to make choices that will affect our group for the coming months and year. I hope that many of you are there!

I will close this short word by thanking Petru for his time as baronial seneschal. He has done much both in the shadows and the forefront. Hopefully he'll get more time to pursue personal endeavours. I am confident that Cairn will be his worthy successor and that he'll lead our group well for the coming years.

À tous de l'Isle du Dragon Dormant le bonjour de Pellandres, dit le frere

Avec l'été qui tire à sa fin, nous allons bientôt retourner vers des sites intérieurs, que ce soit au niveau local ou lors de nos voyages. Bien que la dynamique y soit différente, ce sont les gens avec qui nous partageons ces

moments qui sont importants.

Je n'ai pas été très actif sur les listes depuis Pennsic, mais il y avait beaucoup à faire à la maison et c'est sur l'Accès internet que j'ai choisi de couper. Le nouvel horaire au travail devrait aider un peu sur ce plan.

Au moment où vous lirez ces mots, nous serons au Moot. J'espère que nous y serons nombreux car c'est lors de ces rencontres que le futur de notre groupe peut être influencé.

Je terminerai ce court mot en remerciant notre sénéchal-sortant Petru pour ses bons services à notre baronie. Tout au long de son mandat il a travaillé avec énergie autant dans l'ombre que dans les plus visibles des occasions. Permettons-lui maintenant de mettre ses énergies sur ses projets personnels! Je remercie aussi Cairn de prendre la relève comme sénéchal baronial. Je suis confiant qu'il va conduire avec expérience notre groupe dans les années à venir!

Pellandres

### Word of the Outgoing Seneschal

Greetings to all members of our Fair Barony!

This is my last missive to you as baronial seneschal. It has been a fun, rewarding, although at times challenging and demanding term! I was glad that through it all I could always count on the support of the barony when needed. After three years, it is now time for someone else to step up to the challenge, and I am confident that Lord Cairn is exactly the person we need for the job at this moment.

There will be many challenges for our group in the coming years, major events, certainly, but also the constant need for growth, accompanied by a need for volunteers as well. Our society depends on the donated time and efforts of its members, and as such, I can only encourage you all to seek out opportunities to lend a hand or get involved into baronial affairs.

And while I will return to my former, poor and ugly Moldavian self for a while, you can be sure I'll be back pretty soon with some crazy half-baked plan to get you all in trouble again!!!

Yours in service, as always,

Petru cel paros Voda

Salutations aux membres de notre grande baronnie!

Voici donc ma dernière missive en tant que sénéchal baronial! Ce fut un mandat amusant et enrichissant, bien que parfois très exigeant! Je suis heureux qu'à travers tous ces moments j'aie toujours pu compter sur le soutien de la baronnie lorsque requis. Après trois ans, il est maintenant temps que quelqu'un d'autre prenne le relais, et je suis très confiant que le Seigneur Cairn est exactement la personne qui doit prendre le flambeau.

Il y aura plusieurs défis pour notre groupe pour les années à venir. De grands événements, bien sûr, mais aussi le besoin constant de croissance ainsi que le besoin de volontaires pour soutenir celle-ci. Notre société dépend du temps et des efforts consentis par ses membres, et en tant que tel, je ne peux que vous encourager à rechercher les occasions de

donner un coup de main ou de vous impliquer dans la vie de la baronnie.

Et bien que je retourne à mon état premier de pauvre et laid Moldave, vous pouvez être certain que je serai de retour assez tôt avec une idée folle et un plan mal conçu afin de tous vous plonger dans trouble à nouveau!

Au service, comme toujours,

Petru cel paros Voda

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### **Word of the Incoming Seneschal**

Unto the Populace of the Barony does Cairn MacAlister send greetings;

As I start this article, there are a couple of thanks that I wish to convey. First, to the populace of the barony, for putting your faith in my leadership, I shall strive to not disappoint you. Second, I think that I can presume to speak for us all, in thanking Petru for his guidance over the last several years. A hearty Vivat to him.

As we start out on this trip together, there are several hopes that I have for the future of our Barony. I would call upon everyone in the Barony to join me in seeing these projects through (or, if you think that there are more important things to do, then by all means, please let me know). First, that the coming years shall see the Barony swell in numbers, and continue to be a strong anchor for the Northern Shores. Second, that we assist the groups around us in as many ways as we can, and thirdly, to continue developing a strong community within the Barony, to work together, where we can each lend our strengths, and receive help for learning new skills,

be they in the gentle or martial arts, or in the field of service. However, as I have said above, those are just some of my views on the direction that I feel the barony should take, but I realise that my main job as Seneschal is to help the barony reach the goals its populace sets. To that end, let me say that I look forward to hearing from each of you over the next while, and I hope that you will let me know your views on where the Barony should go, and how we can grow our strengths, and overcome any weaknesses.

Premierement, je veux vous demander patience dans mon francais écrit. Je vais faire en sorte que la prochaine edition de cette article soit mieux écrit.






En commençant cette article, il-y-a un couple de remerciement que je dois faire. Premierement, au peuple de la Baronie, pour avoir penser que je pourrais faire un bon job dans ma nouvelle position. Deuxiemment, et je pense que je peut parler pour tous, en remercient Petru pour sa service dans ces derneires annees. Un bon Vivat a lui.

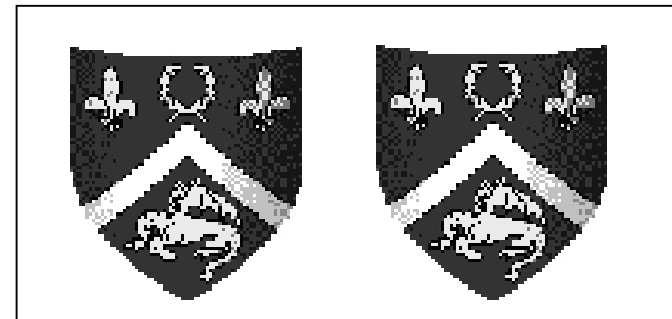
En commençant cette boulot ensemble, j'ai beaucoup d'espoire pour la future de la baronie. Je voudrais demander a tous de me joindre en realisant les suivant project, ou, si vous pensez qu'il-y-a de plus urgent travail a faire, SVP, ne soit pas gener de me le dire. Premierement, je veut que dans les prochaines annees, qu'on puisse voir la Baronie agrandire, et de continuer d'etre un ancre pour les Rivages Du Nord. Deuxiemment, qu'on puisse assister les group aux alentours de nous au mieux de nos puissance. Et, troisiemment, de continuer de batir un communaute dans la baronie, de travailler ensemble, et d'assister un et l'autre dans nos forces, et de partager nos connaissance, soit dans les arts et science, dans le combat, ou dans la domaine de service. Mais, comme j'ai dit avant, ce sont seulement mes

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idees d'un direction qu'on peut prendre. Je realise que ma job, comme Seneschal, c'est d'assister la Barony de realiser c'est desire et les direction dit par le peuple. A ce but, j'aimerais entendre de chaqu'un parmi vous, et que vous partagerais vos reves pour la baronie avec moi.

Cairn.

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## Announcements

### Border Spat War-Les Tournois d'Anoriel

Site: Glenn Morris Farm, 149 Wagar Rd. Coldbrook, ON.

Site opens 4 pm Sept. 14 and closes 5pm Sept. 16.

Prices: Site- Adults \$6, children (under 12) \$3

Feast: Sat. Adults \$8, children \$4

\$4 NMS for adults

Make checks payable to: SCA- Greyfells

Event Steward: Baron Derfel Mallory (Claude Gagne) 92  
Brentwood Cres., Kingston, ON, 613-389-1824

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Triathlon for three member teams, open fire cooking competition and brewing competition will take place on the Saturday. Banner making competition for children will accompany other activities.

No dogs allowed on site.

Directions: Take 401 tp exit 599 Yarker. Head north to Coldbrook. After the Coldbrook town sign, take the second left (Wagar Road) and follow it to the end. SCA signs will be posted.

## Fall Harvest

The cold northern winter is near upon us, and from the battlements of the keep at Ile du Dragon Dormant glad tidings are heard. A message is sent to all the neighboring lands - Ile du Dragon Dormant will again celebrate the last days of fall with a feast of rare kind.

But this is no simple affair. Cooks slave for hours, jesters and dancers begin their frolicking, musicians tune their viols. In rooms off the hall, seamstresses and brewers work to finish their labors so as to be unencumbered with work when the feast day arrives.

And on the throne, Pellandres dit le Frere and Valeria Laskaris sit. They too are awaiting this celebration, but with uncertainty. For on this day a new Rattan champion will be chosen to keep their lands safe for one year, a steadfast, true, and mighty warrior.

Come one and all to see the wonders of our ancient days. Watch the fierceness of the heavy-list tourney, join in the various music, dancing, and heraldry classes, learn from our well schooled artisans as they display their works at an A and S competition, and feast at the wondrous table of Mistress Hawise.

For this feast, space will be limited to 60 people, so reserve promptly.

Site Name: St. Georges Anglican Church  
Site Address: 1101 Rue Stanley, Montreal

Autocrat: Lady Teagara Angelus (Tracy Irving)

Co-Autocrat: Mi'Lady Wulfyn (Mia McPhail) and Lord Gustav (John Wiens)

KITCHEN CO-ORDINATOR: Mistress Hawise (for dietary concerns email- black\_dudley@videotron.ca with the heading Fall Harvest Feast)

RATTAN CO-ORDINATOR: Master Conrad

A&S CO-ORDINATOR: Lady Katherine Ashwoode

Reservations: Helena Mota (Matsudaira no Hoshi-san)  
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Checks Made Payable to: Barony of L'Isle du Dragon Dormant

On-Board reservations must be received by Friday November 2, 2007

\*\*\* ALL RESEVERVATIONS MUST INCLUDE MUNDANE, SCA NAME, CONTACT INFORMATION AND SCA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (If applicable)\*\*\*

Off board: Adults-\$10, Children- \$5, Family-\$30  
On board: Adults: \$18 per person  
Children (6-14): \$14.00 per person  
Family: \$50.00

Children (5 years and under): Free  
\*\*Please note that a \$4 surcharge is added to the price for all Non-Members\*\*

### ***Should you want to be an Autocrat...***

Yes, this is an announcement and not a column, maybe it is both. In a perfect world we could pull off a '20s musical and just throw together a party in the barn in an hour, we do not live in a Judy Garland film. All our events take planning and need to be organized months in advance. Anyone can become an autocrat/event organizer but we advise that you apprentice under someone first to get a basic idea of the steps involved. We have several recurring events that need people and so follows the list:

Baronial Investiture Anniversary: Event happens in the last weekend in Feb or 1st weekend in March

- Bid due: Previous July.

Return of the Lost Caravan: Event happens on the Fete National long weekend in June

- Bid due: Previous November

Pity Party: Event happens on the first weekend in August and coincides with Pennsic

- Bid due: January

Medieval Day on the mountain Demo: Event happens on the Saturday of Labour day long weekend

- Bid Due: February

Border Spat: Event happens on the third Weekend in September (alternating with Ealdormere)

- Bid Due: February

Fall Harvest: Event happens in Mid October or Early November

- Bid Due: April

The reason for the bid dates is to ensure that the events can be in the Pikestaff (requires a two month lead time), royalty can be invited and that any permits can be acquired. A bid should include pricing, site, hours, and preliminary activity schedule. A list of staff is a good thing to add, though that can be added on closer to the event.

The above list is for events that are standard on our calendar. As a Barony we are required to hold four events a year. We also have our four Championships that are held around the year at the various events. This should not stop people from trying their hand at events of their own. A proper bid made at least six months in advance is all that is needed to gain consideration for an event, less for a demo.

### **Tome Talk: *Beowulf***

It's time for another venture into the world of fun period literature. Since last time's "Tome Talk" featured a late-period book, this time we will go earlier and explore the world of *Beowulf*. *Beowulf*, of course, is one of the few books that every SCAdian seems to have heard of, if not read. For many, it is one of the reasons they joined the SCA. But if you have never taken the time to read *Beowulf*, you may find one or two surprises.

First, the story doesn't end with Beowulf's battle with Grendel and Grendel's mother. There is a third and final battle, between Beowulf and a dragon. (And you thought that was just St. George?) I won't spoil the ending, but instead leave it up to you to find out who wins that fight.

Next, the story is a lot richer than modern interpretations might lead us to think. There is a wealth of sub-plots, tales-within-tales, and rich description that most people don't know about unless they've read the text.

Finally, *Beowulf* is a prime example of a pagan tradition meeting a Christian one. *Beowulf* was originally composed by Norse pagans some time around the eighth century. However, it was only written down around the year 1000, by Christians. The text is sometimes a wonderful example of Christian monks asking, "how can we take this obviously pagan text and make it more acceptable to our religion?" If you don't believe me, read it and find out.

In short: if you want bloody battles, feasting, merrymaking, and a generally great story, pick up this book. Just make sure you get a good translation: read a few pages before you buy it.

Happy reading!

Lady Katherine Ashewoode

### Events to come

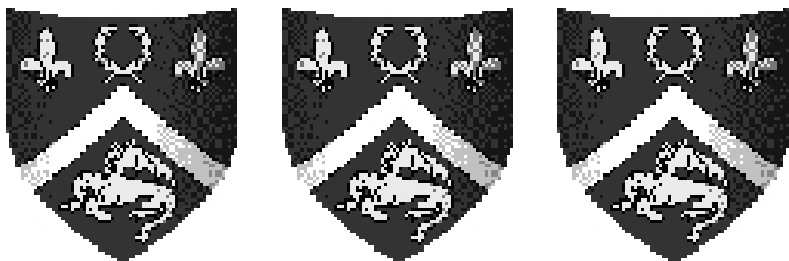
Border Spat War- Sept. 14-16

Fall Harvest- Nov. 10, 2007

Les Tournois d'Anoriel- Sept. 14-16

Moisson d'Automne- le 10 novembre 2007

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**Weekly practices** take place at Wesley United Church, located at 5964 Notre-Dame-de-Grâce boulevard in Montreal. Everyone is welcome! Practice takes place on two nights and there is a single \$4.00 weekly admission fee whether you attend one or both nights.

**Nos pratiques hebdomadaires** ont lieu à l'église Wesley United, située au 5964, boulevard Notre-Dame-de-Grâce à Montréal. Vous êtes tous les bienvenus! Il y a deux soirées de pratique. Le droit d'admission est de 4,00 \$ par semaine, que vous veniez à une seule pratique ou aux deux.

Tuesday night is fencing and armoured combat night and takes place from 7:00pm to 10:00pm.

Les pratiques du mardi sont réservées à l'escrime et au combat en armure et ont lieu de 19h00 à 22h00.

Wednesday night is archery night and takes place from 8:00pm to 10:00pm.

Les pratiques du mercredi sont réservées au tir à l'arc et ont lieu de 20h00 à 22h00.

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