

Ramshaven Herald



Winter 2016 Edition
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From the quill of the Chronicler

Welcome to the Winter 2016 edition of the Herald!

In the short months since the last issue, much has happened in and around the Barony. We had great representation at the Fall Crown Tournament - Baron Penda, Master Kolbjörn, Lord Dietrich, and even our own Baronial Armoured Marshall Lord Wulfric serving as Lord Bye for those worthy competitors who did not have a matched opponent. All combatants fought with honour and distinction. Wassail!

Brinyau Tywynnog once again hosted a very successful Wassail in Shakespeare, Ontario. This year's theme was period games, specifically His Majesty's favourite game, Glick! There was much gaming and combat and feasting to be had!

Our Baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences, Cesare, has done an amazing job of planning and holding well-loved A&S classes. He'll have a bit to say on that later in this issue.

But, with the good, comes the sad. Earlier this year, Their Excellencies announced that they were stepping down as Baron and Baroness. The initial posting of the specifics was made via Facebook earlier this year; however, Their Excellencies wished to send a farewell message of sorts, which is next up in this issue. We will miss their guidance and leadership, but will welcome the successful candidates.

From Their Excellencies and the Officers of the Barony, Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year!

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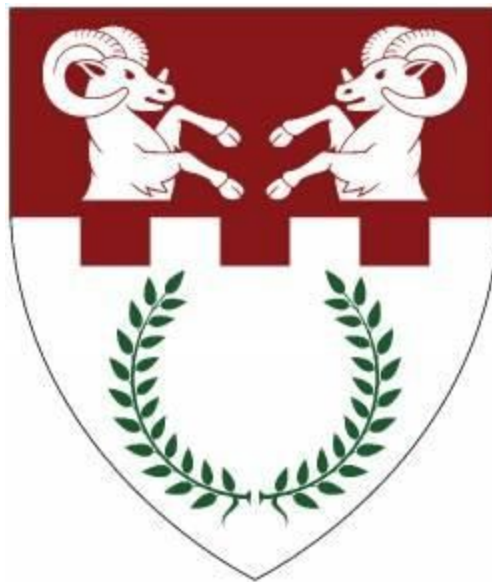
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Ramshaven Baronial Selection

By Their Excellencies, Penda & Sibylla

'Tis time... The gears of Ramshaven will go forward from this day until the end of Our days. It is then that we will celebrate a new beginning, fresh blood, with blossoming ideals of what Our Great Barony will nourish into and grow toward, what will be, for all of our future.

To say that we have enjoyed Our time on the high seats, guiding the populace of the Barony of Ramshaven, would be an understatement. It has been everything we hoped it would be. We have learned so much, shared all we could, and beamed with pride through the entirety of our nearly five years. Whomever is chosen to serve the High Seats, we believe they will do the Barony proud. We have the most caring, fun loving people in Ramshaven. We can hardly wait to be growing and learning alongside the populace as we look forward to the next five years, and as many years as we still may breathe.

All letters of intent are to be given to Our Deputy Baronial Seneschal, Henry Foster, so that they may then be gathered and delivered to Their Majesties and the Baronial selection committee after the date of January 16th, 2017.

Winter is an interesting time of year to go through an election process but, we feel that the next five months will give all of Ramshaven time to ponder, time to rejuvenate, and then time to prepare to embrace the spring. Spring is a time of growth and re-birth and with it, Ramshaven will be looking to do the same.

A electronic copy of the Selection Process can be found at the end of this issue of the Herald, as well as at:

http://www.ramshaven.ca/files/ramshaven_selection_policy_2016.pdf



From the Baronial A & S Minister

By Cesare Ambrigino di Salvazzi

This is a Powerful Barony - this is a Proud Barony - and rightfully so.

We can hold the field against all comers... But it isn't just on the field of battle.

Have you looked at the Ramshaven A&S page lately? Did you walk around QPT and notice?

We can hold up our art and science, compare it with the rest of the kingdom... And find no shame in our works.

When I tell people I am the Baronial MoAS of Ramshaven - yes, I admit it - I do it with pride. Not pride in myself... Pride in you. For I know how much you work, research, create, strive, & experiment, to be better.

A year of A&S classes - I was warned it would tumble down around me, and turn into nothing but people doing their own thing while gossiping... That never happened, and it had nothing to do with me.

What I am saying is - thank you, for making serving my Barony, by holding this office, a thing of joy and never ceasing wonder.



The Actual True Story of Random The Hen

By C. di Pizan

Random was a skinny, sickly little hen. She had long, deformed claws that made it hard for her to walk, or scratch for bugs. The other chickens teased her. "You will never be a fine, fat hen who lays many eggs", they said, and they pecked her and chased her away. Poor Random was always the last to get any corn.

One day, as she had wandered far away to avoid the other chickens, Random found some people who did not belong to her farm. "I wonder if they have any food?" she thought, and she approached them.

"Oh, look at the poor chicken, we have to help her!" the people said. Random was pleased - but then they put her in a box! "Oh, the other chickens were right, I am a stupid hen", thought Random sadly.

But, when the box opened, Random found herself in a bright, sunny room. There was a bowl of water and a dish of corn, just for her, and they were filled as soon as they were emptied! Better still, her long claws were trimmed so she could walk and perch, and best of all there was a nice, safe spot behind the corn-bin to hide and sleep at night.

There were other chickens on the farm, but Random avoided them, knowing that they would be mean to her, and perhaps steal her horn. One day, however, when Random had been out enjoying a lovely dust-bath, she met a proud, handsome red Rooster. She was preparing to run and hide, when the Rooster said "Well, hello! You are a fine, fat hen -would you like to come and hunt worms with me?"

Random was astonished. she had not realized that she had put on weight from eating so much corn, or that her pecked and broken feathers had grown back lush and full, and her dust bathing had made them gleam in the sun.

The Rooster took Random worm-hunting, and showed her many good places to hide, and where the best bugs could be found, and how to get corn outside. It was a wonderful afternoon. He showed her where the other chickens slept, too, but Random did not feel ready to meet the flock quite yet, even with her new Rooster-friend. She returned to her own special pace. But that night, as she settled down in her hiding spot, Random felt very clever indeed, and very happy with herself.

"I am a fine, fat Hen", she thought, and that night she dreamed of all the eggs she might lay when Spring came.

Chronicler's Note: It's with great pleasure that we announce the engagement of Hen di Salvazzi and Random of Ben Dunfirth! The proud parents of the groom will shortly present a request for a dowry to the family of the bride.

Events Calendar

Arts and Sciences

January 10th: Leather work - hosted by Der Welfengau. This class will be the first that will limit the size of class, and thus people will be told that if they want to attend, they will have to register ahead of time.

This is a call for teachers! I (Cesare) am always looking for more teachers, for more different classes. They can contact me through Facebook Messaging, or at my e-mail cesaresalvazzi@gmail.com

Baronial Events

April 1 - Forward Into The Past - Bricker Academic Building, Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo ON

May 19-22 - Fruits Of Our Labours X - Camp Impeesa, Ayr ON

Kingdom Events of Note (next 3 months)

Januray 7 - Twelfth Night - hosted by Ard Chreag, Claremont ON

February 4 - Tournoi du Coeur des Glaces - hosted by Bastille Du Lac, Trenton ON

February 25 - Practicum 2017 - hosted by Calthrig, Ottawa ON

March 4 - Winter War - hosted by Trinovantia Nova, London ON

March 25 - Kingdom A&S - hosted by Calthrig, North Gower ON

Officers of the Barony

Baron	Penda of Glindemere
Baroness	Sibylla of Glyndmere
Seneschal	Henry Foster
Armoured Marshall	Wulfric of the Blackwoods
Rapier Marshall	<currently vacant>
Exchequer	Christiana de Mundegumri
Chronicler	Fearghas Mackenna of Bryniau Tywynnog
Arts & Sciences Minister	Cesare Ambrigino di Salvazzi
Herald	Tristan Galbraith

Important websites

Kingdom of Ealdormere	www.ealdormere.ca
Barony of Ramshaven	www.ramshaven.ca
Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog	www.bryniau.ca
Canton of Der Welfengau	www.derwelfengau.com
Canton of Northgeatham	www.ramshaven.ca/northgeatham
Baronial Facebook group	www.facebook.com/groups/141493656082
Email list	groups.yahoo.com/group/SCA-Ramshaven

Baronial Selection Procedure - The Barony of Ramshaven

The traditional term for a Baron and Baroness is typically five years although shorter terms may occur. This selection process is initiated at the discretion of the Baron and Baroness. In conjunction with the Baronial Seneschal, the Baron and Baroness will develop a time line of the process, a polling strategy, and a communications strategy, as well as assemble a Selection Committee. The selection process includes the following steps:

1. Official announcement in Court
2. Request for letters of Intent
3. Review of applicants by Their Royal Majesties
4. Official introduction of Candidates in Court
5. Candidates' meetings
6. Polling
7. Counting of the ballots
8. Advising Their Royal Majesties of outcome of poll
9. Decision by Their Royal Majesties
10. Notifying candidates of Their Majesties' decision
11. Announcement of Heirs in Court

The Selection Committee shall be composed of the current Baron and Baroness, the Baronial Seneschal and the Kingdom Seneschal. If the Baronial Seneschal is a baronial candidate, a deputy chosen by the Kingdom Seneschal must temporarily replace them in office until the Selection Procedure is completed.

The Request for Letters of Intent shall be published on all email lists within the Barony, as well as on the baronial website and in the Ramshaven Herald newsletter (if time permits). It shall include an explicit deadline for when letters are due to be submitted to the Selection Committee, in care of the Baronial (or Deputy) Seneschal. This deadline may be no less than four weeks from the date the request for Letters of Intent is first published. Letters of Intent should include scans of the candidates' membership cards as well as the candidates' SCA resumes.

Candidate Meetings shall be held in each Canton to allow the members a chance to engage the candidates to aid the members in making their decision. Scheduling of candidate meetings will be at the discretion of the Cantons, in conjunction with the candidates and published in advance. Cantons may opt to amalgamate Candidate Meetings. All candidate meetings are open to everyone and members may attend as many as they choose. Canton polling will occur immediately after members have engaged the candidates, after each Candidate Meeting. Each Candidate Meeting must be scheduled to occur within eight weeks of the initial announcement of the Baronial Selection Policy being initiated in court.

An explanation of how the polling will be conducted shall be handed out and explained before polling begins at each meeting.

Ballots shall list all candidates in alphabetical order by the SCA name.

Next to each candidate on the ballot there will appear underlined spaces for the membership to indicate their score.

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The polling in each Canton shall be conducted by the local Seneschal and a member of the Selection Committee. If the local Seneschal is a candidate, a deputy shall be appointed by the Canton to take on this duty. Members must show their membership card and sign into a polling station to ensure that each member is eligible and votes only once. One person, one ballot. Only paid members being over the age of fifteen may vote. There is only one round of polling per Canton. All ballots are put into an envelope that is sealed at the close of the polls. The persons in charge of the polling station will sign the envelope once it is sealed. No tallying is done at this time.

The voting system used shall be as follows:

List the nominated candidates as described above to be ranked numerically (i.e., "1", "2", "3", etc), with "1" being the most preferred choice, and higher numbers being less preferred choices. Polls that are not filled out completely, and with/or without unique sequential ranks for all the candidates will be considered spoiled and not counted.

Members may register their ballot in advance. To do this members must request a ballot from the Selection Committee, then seal his/her completed ballot in an envelope with his/her name, Canton and membership number/expiry date written on the outside. The envelope is then given to their local Seneschal. The Selection Committee is required to track who requested an advance ballot to ensure that all advanced ballots are included in the final count.

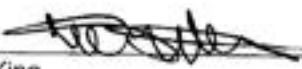
Once all polling stations for all Cantons have been completed tallying may begin. Tallying of the ballots will be conducted by the Selection Committee.

Scores for each candidate are tallied. The overall totals shall be calculated, as well as each candidate's total in each Canton. The results and raw data, shall be presented to Their Majesties.

Their Majesties will inform the candidates of the final decision.

Access to Polling Results shall be sealed and confidential. No member may have access to the results of the poll (including Candidates). No exceptions can be made to this rule. Original ballots will be turned over to Their Majesties for disposal.

Approved by:


King


Queen


Kingdom Seneschal

Nov 26/16
Date