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Excuse me good Gentle... do you have a moment to talk about your
TAXES??

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Calling all Gentles! Do you have something you'd like to share? A photo from a fight practice, or a progress shot of an A&S project? A paper or poem you wrote? An historical book, museum exhibit, or movie review? A fond memory or story of SCA history? You can submit all this and more to the Chronicler who will publish it (with much thanks and gratitude!) in the following Ursus. These kinds of contributions and displays of community spirit make The Ursus more enjoyable for all, and highlight why the SCA is a great place in which to play.

Don't be shy, you know you want to. ;)

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Letter from Their Excellencies



Spring is finally here!

Isn't it?

Warm greetings from your Baron and Baroness. With the rising heat comes hope. Hope that the third wave will soon end, hope that everyone able to will receive the vaccine as soon as they are able, and hope that we can once again meet in person.

Seeing our Southern Friends and Families having events and meetings and practices is hard to watch. Because we feel that way too. We know for many reasons we must wait until it is safe here, and trust that when the time is right we will meet again.

We urge open communication when we rejoin each other, and active consent for being in some one's personal space is very important. Many people will experience a similar anxiety to the opening as they did to the closing. Being mindful and open with each other will help that transition go smoothly.

It's been a long hard winter and we are so looking forward to enjoying the sunshine.

Not long now, Bears of Septentria. Keep the line a little longer, the sanitizer strong, masks on, and a little more patience.

Sven and Kersteken
Baron and Baroness



Posting for Minister of A&S

Greetings unto the populace,

My how time flies.

My term as Septentrian Minister of Arts and Sciences should have ended months ago, but while I talked to their Excellencies about this months ago, I never got around to putting out a call for my replacement.

The job is simple: collect and summarize the quarterly reports, and do what you can to support the arts in the Barony.

All that is required is an SCA membership. If you are interested, please contact Their Excellencies at svenandkersteken@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance.

Martin Bildner



Greetings,
We are looking for a replacement for Clerk Register. The job is not too onerous and is an excellent way to serve the Barony. Inquiries and applications can be sent to Their Excellencies at baronandbaronessofseptentria@gmail.com. Thank you in advance.

Ulvar



Letter from the Chronicler

Greetings everybear,

With the sun comes glad tidings and much to enjoy. Penning this newsletter was a special treat as I fondly recalled recent events and delighted at those to come.

Yet I also pondered that the pages of the *Ursus* are filled with little more than what many already see and know from other outlets. Much of this 'newsletter' is not truly news.

Along those lines, never forget that the *Ursus* is always looking for submissions. This publication is only great when Gentles such as yourself make it so.

Got a project you're working on and enjoying? Did you shine your armour lately? Fall down a rabbit hole of research? Make a new friend at a virtual event? Have a blast at fight practice? Tell a witty joke during a social? Enjoy a moment of mundane peace in your yard?

You get the point. :)

Send what you fancy to:
septentrian.chronicler@gmail.com.

On top of my immense gratitude, I know you'll be brightening a reader's day.

Yours in service,
Rubeus



Event Report: Bardic War

In the not-so-distant past, a Dream bore an idea that few could resist...

So the story of the First Bardic War began, as THL Dietrich von Sachsen took up the mantle of General for the War and began drafting Ealdormere's army. He searched far and wide, leaving no Barony unturned, and no Canton behind. In this fair Kingdom did all the Gentles' eyes shine bright with potential such that none were turned away from the War effort who wanted to join. Each possessed valuable skills, experiences, and words to share on the battlefield. With a full retinue of the eager, the passionate, the courageous, THL Dietrich rallied and marched the troops to victory.

And it was a glorious victory.

Kingdoms around the Known World came together à la Pennsic to wage battle against one another. Alliances formed and Champions named, judges observed and the populace voted. Magic lenses captured song and dance, rhyme and reason, fighting and foolery. Classes overflowed, socials bubbled over, shenanigans spun out of control. Points flew in all directions, but none so much as our own.

19 to 13 to 3.

War-weary veterans tell tales of it all: the gruelling training, the long siege, the cacophony of barbed words, the pain of loss, the joy of victory, the impossible odds... but more than all else are told stories of camaraderie.

The challenges we faced made us grow and learn in ways never thought possible.

Tonight Ealdormere and its allies sleep peacefully. The drums no longer beat, battle cries fly not on the wind, pages no longer turn. At least for now... for next year it begins again.

In the not-so-distant future, a Dream bears an idea that few can resist...

What will YOU do for the Second Bardic War?



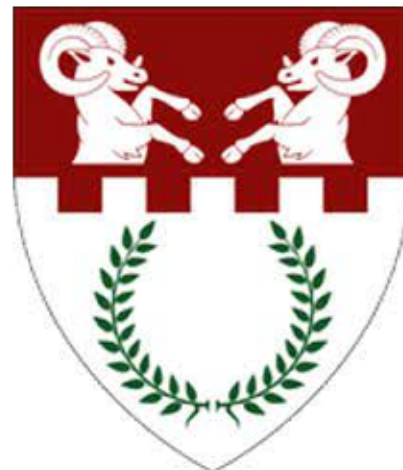
Event Report: FOOL XIV

Another successful FOOL has come and gone. Most of the round tables were well attended and informative/helpful, and on the whole participants have had positive things to share about the experience this year.

This particular iteration broke from the tradition of holding classes on A&S topics and skills. Instead, each session was a round table in which anyone with an interest could participate. Rather than formal lessons, whole-group discussions of ideas, tips and tricks, resources, and the projects one is currently working on were encouraged. To put it in a phrase, each round table was an opportunity for enthusiasts of a given art or science to 'geek out'.

From woodworking to weaving, calligraphy to coin stamping, vexillology to garb, and so much more, there was just about something for everyone on the table (pun intended). Although we could not gather in tents and complain about wet feet/grass in the mornings, the weekend proved to be lovely in many localities, enabling several attendees to experience the great outdoors during many of the sessions. And with more booze!

Looking forward to next year's event (15! Where does the time fly?!), I hope to see you all there!



Remember When...

Many of Septentria's awards date back to near the founding of the Barony. For example, the Bear's Claw (the first award to be attached to Septentria) was registered in 1986, and the Order of the Cauldron was registered in 1987. However, the Golden Bear - the award given for excellence in the Arts and Sciences - came much later at the Barony's 25th anniversary (A.S. 38). Their Excellencies Corwyn and Domhnail Galbraith instituted it, and the first recipient was Lady Wencendl inginea Jagomus of Rokesburg. Hers was carved from golden amber, whereas future editions were made from brass.



In-person meetings are cancelled, please contact the seneschal to inquire about online meetings.

June

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	VY = Vest Yovrik (Mississauga) MN = Monadh (Orangeville) BR = Beremere (Barrie) PT = Petrea Thule (Peterborough) SG = Skeldergate (North York) AC = Ard Chreag (Pickering) EF = Eoforwic (Toronto)		1 EF 7:00pm	2 VY 7:30pm	3	4	5
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13	14	15 EF 7:00pm	16 VY 7:30pm	17	18	19	
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Upcoming Events

Passion of the Cut Sleeve

June 26-29, 2021

Hosted by the Kingdom of Ealdormere

A series of SCA talks and more regarding the history of 2SLGBTQIA+ people around the world in the period we love to explore! Submissions and ideas can be sent to cutsleevepride@gmail.com, due June 11th. Updates can be found on the website: <https://cutsleevepride.weebly.com/>



Trillium War

June 30-July 4, 2021

Hosted by the Barony of Septentria

Special events this weekend include:

- Jeopardy!
- Tongue Twisters
- Bardcore
- Brewer's Round Table
- Pub Knight
- Royal Court
- And more! Stay tuned for further details.



Kingdom Moot

July 25, 2021

Hosted by The Lawspeaker of Ealdormere

The Moot is an important part of every Reign where members of the populace meet on equal footing, without precedence of rank, to discuss all matters that concern them openly and honestly. By doing so, the populace and those in power can meaningfully address areas of growth.



Royal Court

August 21, 2021

Hosted by Their Majesties of Ealdormere

Official business of Their Majesties, and other Royal-sanctioned shenangans.



TAXES !

Their Excellencies Kersteken and Sven asked the Septentrian populace to share with them what brings them joy. It may be a little late (I *might* have forgotten about it...), but here's what everbear has to say:

Roselyne: Dance, calligraphy, and the composing of scribal texts. The opportunity to socialize with fellow SCAdians at a distance, and the prospect of an end to the isolation. These all bring me joy.



Iohn: I made a lot of stuff out of wood. Like joinery! And I throw sharp, pointy things a lot. That brings me joy.



Katrina: Sipping a cup of coffee, listening to the birds, and admiring the daffodils. That brings me joy.



Rubeus: DANCE! Researching it, reconstructing it, learning it, performing it, sharing it, teaching it. That brings me joy.



Cinaed: All 7 planets can *currently* be observed in the sky Sun, Moon, Mars, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn. That brings me joy.



Violetta: Enjoying teleplays. That brings me joy.

Bonus from Ramshaven

Eyrny: Sven and Kersteken bring me joy.



PS Do you want to share what brings you joy for the next issue of the *Ursus*? Just drop me a line at septentrian.chronicler@gmail.com !



Grizzly Grid # 12 - Bonguard Bonanza

Bonguard Problem

On the left are 6 instances of the rule being followed.

On the right are 6 instances of the rule being contravened.

What is the rule?

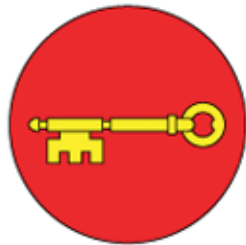
Yes



No



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