

The Hartshorn



Winter/Spring AS LV

Chronicler's Report

Dia daoibh, shirekin agus mo chairde. (Hello, shirekin and my friends!) As this chronicle is sent out I wish you all continued good health as we begin to come out of our quarantine from this plague. I am very much looking forward to seeing your faces once again. It is a chronicler's job to write down what we make, who and what we fight, and how we serve our people. We all certainly have fought to keep ourselves occupied and healthy. What did we all do while we were isolated? I have worked especially hard on my garden this year. The late frosts were an unwelcome surprise as we lost some plants to them and had to replant to make sure of the crop, but I think with the extra work there will be an abundant harvest this year. We have hummingbirds visiting, the blackberries are beginning to ripen, and my newest battle is with the groundhog that has taken notice of the plants in my garden. Do we know any recipes for groundhog? I joke. Send me your reports of the produce of your hands and hearts, and we will add them to the chronicle.

In Memoriam

I would be remiss if I did not mention those that we have lost, for we have lost friends and family from this plague. If you know someone, please send me their name, and we'll put together a list for the website. I would particularly like to mention Master Liam St. Liam, who was a well known personality just about everywhere in the SCA. His loss is felt sorely. Our hearts go out to his family. As we often toast, "To absent friends."

-Siobhan

Regular Meetings

Business: First Thursday every month, at rotating locations or online – contact Lady Alison

Dance: Online zoom meetings on Fridays – contact Duchessa Diana

Arts and Sciences: Third Thursdays – contact Mistress Naomi

Fencing: Facebook livestream Mondays – contact Lord James

Fighting: Phoenixville Fighter Practice ****WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPCOMING CHANGES****
contact Baron Talan or Lord Berkhommer

Helpful Websites for a Discerning East Kingdom Medievalist

https://wiki.eastkingdom.org/index.php?title=Recommending_Someone_for_an_Award

<http://www.armorarchive.org/patterns/>

<http://www.pbm.com/~lindahl/merchants/index.clothing.html>

<http://www-cs.canisius.edu/~salley/SCA/Games/>

<http://falconbanner.gladiusinfractus.com/2016/02/18/scribe-101-what-does-it-take-to-start-doing-calligraphy-and-illumination/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medieval_music#:~:text=Medieval%20music%20consists%20of%20songs,music%2C%20non%2Dreligious%20music.

Beginning at the November 7 2019 Business Meeting, we continue the chronicle:

Elections for Shire Officers

The slate: (Passed as below)

Seneschal: Alison Wodehalle

Knight Marshal: Berkhommer

MOAS: Naomi bat Avraham

Chatelaine: Eleanor D'Astlye

Fencing: James O'Gallegchure

Domesday: Siobhan inghean ui Dhonnabhain

The exchequer reports that we currently possess \$4,754.29. The 3rd Quarter Report was submitted on time. We have not yet received our share of Coronation funds.

The dancers report that the dancemaster held class for all interested nobles three times in October. Average attendance 9 dancers; 2-3 artisans. Further dance instruction was available November 1st; 8th; and 15th, no class November 22nd or 29th. Dance resumed on December 6th.

Our worthy Chamberlain reports that our possessions are stored well and safely.

The webminister reports that the Kingdom officer had instructions for making a shared calendar and linking it to officer emails (rather than member emails)! We now have a calendar based on those instructions. Now officers need to add practices by updating the calendar every month, as this will ensure that the calendar stays accurate and useful. Once the calendar is updated we will work on adding it to the website.

Fencing, Chatelaine, Archery, Knights Marshal, Minister of AS, Secretarie, Thrown, and Social Media have access to the calendar. The Web Minister and Seneschal emails are owners.

There is a "New and Noteworthy" section on the site which contains the first issue of the Hartshorn. According to the media officer we are gaining more attention from the populace. We enjoy an increased interest in dance and it is popular to send a message indicating the progress events we might attend.

The minister of arts and sciences would like to work with deputies and other members of the shire to hold A&S workshops and classes in different parts of the shire. We had a nice crowd at the Paoli A&S workshop in October, where we made a meal based on Jewish Spanish late 15th century food and we braided round challah breads. In November the A&S workshop will be on making bread from scratch. For those interested in a decorative braided bread, she will be teaching a 6 strand braid.

Our good Knight-Marshall sent word that fighting will be starting at the Paoli lists on Thursdays once the costs are agreed upon and we have the required sureties.

The Chatelaine then announced that the report to the Kingdom was sent promptly and it was received. Two messages were received from newcomers and responded to. As of this report neither has responded back. The festival of GoFourth needs people for the planning committee.

James O'Gallaghure, fencing captain, noted that the fencers met 4 times last month and collected 190 of the 160 owed to the lists. We maintain 3 regular marshals and a few marshals in training.

Several items of heraldry were entered from our shire and they should be on the December letter. Lady Alison will remain a herald at large, but we will need a new Shire Herald.

Here endeth the November report.

Here begins the December 5, 2019 Business Meeting

The shire currently has \$4,751.29 with all bills paid. There should be negotiation with the Shire of Owlsherst over the profits from Coronation.

Our dancemistress announces that classes for all interested nobles are scheduled throughout December.

The chamberlain now has new Shire belt favors, stamped with our device.

There is now a place to find and read the Hartshorn, thanks to Lady Sarah. News of the shire! We are continuing to gain notice from the populace thanks to all our recent efforts.

The arts and sciences minister sent her report to the Kingdom and all is well. A yeasted bread and a traditional loaf bread was baked in a dutch oven for the November meeting. December features pomanders. The musick makers should rejoice as a gathering will be arranged soon for them.

Newly elected Knight Marshal Berkhommer is still finalizing arrangements for fighter practice at the Paoli lists.

In November the fencers met 4 times and collected 150 of the 160 owed to the lists. We maintain 3 regular marshals and a few marshals in training.

The chronicler reports that the second Hartshorn was published.

The herald is still working on our new group heraldry and is assisting nobles with their submissions. We still need a new group herald.

Lady Elizabet Marshall will present herself to Queen Margarita at Mudthaw to decide whether she will accept the title of Mistress of the Laurel. All are welcome to be present and witness.

The area known colloquially as the Western Region is discussing a possible status change to become the fifth region of the East Kingdom. Meetings will be announced at future events. Your opinions are welcome and encouraged.

Here endeth the meeting.

Being the Court of Her Majesty Queen Margarita held on December 14, A.S. LIV (2019) in the Barony of Bhakail at Yule XLI and Baronial Investiture.

Aiden Underhill received his **Silver Brooch**, W: Toki Skaldagovir

Here begins the Shire of Hartshorn-dale Business meeting Jan 2, 2020:

Lady Alison Wodehalle led her first meeting as the Shire's new seneschal.

We currently hold \$6,051.56 which includes fencing gifts, and the money from Owlsherst for our contribution to Coronation. The end of year report will be submitted shortly.

The fighting lists are still not open and we await news.

Our activities are still getting notice from the populace and we look forward to seeing new faces. The shire will try to register the hunting horn badge as a populace badge. Lady Alison will send the required letters to the kingdom heralds. The badges we have submitted are being commented on.

December's pomander workshop resulted in a fantastic smelling spice mixture for wax pomander balls. No workshop is scheduled for January. The music gatherings will be announced soon.

The dancers had a Holiday Ball on the 27th attended by most of our active dancers as well as a number of visitors from the Kingdoms of Atlantia & the West. January classes will be on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and Birthday Ball on the 31st, weather permitting.

The chatelaine will send out her report on the 15th.

Our fencing captain notes that in December we met 3 times and collected \$110/120 needed. No one died, nothing broke.

A discussion was held at Bhakail Yule on the possibility of a region/principality in the Western Region.

The funds from Fall Coronation were received. We are interested in being part of Shire Wars 2020, with Blak Rose being the organizing shire this time. We may be holding a schola in the Fall, led by Millicent or Eleanor.

Regarding the Shire Charter:

It must be reviewed by the Shire every two years to ensure that it still reflects the practice and intent of the Shire. This review will begin in February at the business meeting. Any changes must be approved by the Shire. We have announced this in all the approved places.

Here endeth the meeting.

From January 17th AS LV (2020): Dining with Lorenzo had a brief & well attended organizational meeting last weekend, and the upshot was that our next adventure would be 16th C Hungarian. One of our Shire members has recently translated 2 shorter manuscripts, that are up on Medieval Cookery.

<http://medievalcookery.com/etexts/Szentbenedeki-Revised.pdf>

<http://www.medievalcookery.com/etexts/Radvanszky1879.pdf>

Being the Curia of Her Majesty Queen Margarita held at Birka January 27, A.S. LIV (2020) in the Barony of Stonemarche.

After much discussion, The Queen decided there will be a youth champion each reign chosen from a tourney held "at or between Coronation and Crown Tourney"

For the exchequer's office, Society is paying the licensing fee for Kingdoms to use quickbooks, this does not extend to local groups. Also the profit sharing the East had enacted a year, will be delayed again for a year. The kingdom exchequer is not seeing the losses that were reported last year. He also announced that there are some new deputies.

New and noteworthy from the office of the Chatelaine is that groups will be required to submit a demo form prior to doing any demos, so the Chatelaine's office has advance notice.

The Kingdom MoL is seeking deputies, in particular an emergency deputy and a webminister.

Tyger Clerk of the Signet says that in Margarita's reign 226 scrolls have been assigned. They request that we try to give sufficient time when submitting award recommendations for a scroll to be assigned and completed, rather than leaving their majesties with the difficult choice of not giving an award or giving it without a scroll.

Here begins the Shire of Hartshorn-dale Business meeting Feb 6, 2020

The southern region deputy seneschal, Ellesbeth was in attendance at this meeting.

We currently hold \$6,048.56. The end of year report was submitted.

Lord Berkhommer has announced that there is a heavy list practice in Phoenixville on Tuesdays, run by Bhakail. We requested as kingdom law states that Bhakail should ask for permission, and the practices should be announced in the usual manner. We are still negotiating with the Paoli lists for practices there.

Lady Eleanor is pleased with our continued attention from the populace. Lady Sarah has added the calendar to our notices so that it can be updated by the appropriate gentles.

Our proposed heraldry has been sent to Laurel Queen of Arms. One item was returned for a redraw, the hearts-ease inside a mascle, which will get sent back in.

Mistress Naomi announces that there will be an A&S Workshop at her home in Paoli on the 3rd Thursday, Feb. 20th starting at 7pm to make fingerloop braids or lucet cord making.

The dancers met five times in January, including a fifth Friday Birthday Ball that was well attended. Classes are scheduled February 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.

The Chatelaine report went out on time. The next report is due March 1st.

Our fencing captain announces that in January we met 4 times and collected \$139/160 needed to cover the lists. (I also have the \$110/120 from December) We have three marshals in regular attendance and averaged 8 fencers a week.

Another meeting on the regional issue was held at Owlsherst 12th Night, and they will continue to hold informational meetings at events in the affected areas.

The shire discusses whether to become a barony: Should we do a poll? It would be up to the EK Seneschal to decide if we can do this. Please let Alison know if you think this would be beneficial. Ellesbeth, regional deputy seneschal, explained the process of moving from shire to barony, emphasizing the importance of having a healthy group. The first few steps of the process, indicating our interest and writing a petition, have been made.

Regarding future Events in the Shire:

We may do a possible schola in Fall; Milissent may be willing to autocrat if Eleanor isn't.

Dining with Lorenzo: Organizational meeting held in January, first cooking meeting held February 2. Tentative date for next cooking meeting March 15th Place TBD.

They are entertaining bids for K&Q Equestrians champions. We do have a possible site with the 4H club if anyone is interested in running it.

Charter. Revision.

A. Section 1. Statement of purpose

B. Section 2. Membership

C. Section 3. Shire Meetings

1. Last month we were barely able to hold the meeting because we had to decide if Elizabeth counted as an officer when she had not been tasked by the MoAS, for whom she is deputy, to attend the meeting. We need officers to come to meetings.

D. Section 4. Decision Making Process

1. We will first cover what is proposed.

2. Discussion of voting by proxy:

a) This was suggested when the charter was first written.

b) While we want to give everyone a voice, it was felt that those attending meetings are most aware of the needs of the group, as well as knowing or having familiarity with the people running for office.

c) A suggestion may be that if a certain percentage of meetings are attended by an individual, that individual may vote by proxy, perhaps quarterly meetings?

Addendum:

Approved language Section 1 charter:

1.1 This is the Charter of the Shire of Hartshorn-dale. These guidelines are an unofficial publication of Hartshorn-dale of the Society of Creative Anachronism, Inc. It is not a corporate publication of the SCA, Inc., and does not delineate SCA policies. Moreover, in any case where this charter conflicts with East Kingdom Law and Policies, or with Corpora, those higher laws take precedence.

1.2 This charter will be reviewed by the members of Hartshorn-dale every two years to ensure that it still reflects the practice and intent of the group. The review will consist of distributing a copy of the charter and inviting commentary from the membership for discussion. Any changes must be approved by the membership as set forth in Section 4: Decision Making Process.

1.3 At the time of the writing of this charter, business meetings are conducted monthly. Time frames for officer selection and any decisions are based on this once per month meeting time frame.

1.4 We recognize that emergencies can come up and officers may act accordingly. [this section's language is approved, but the section will be moved to Section 4, on decision making].

March meeting was canceled.

AND THEN THE PLAGUE ARRIVED.

Missives from every direction let us know that a great sickness had come. We all stayed in our homes as much as we could. The grocers could not keep supplies on their shelves, even necessary things. Schools for children were closed. Many people closed shops and taverns and nothing was made for sale. We closed our doors and tried to keep the sickness out, even as the messages came telling us that more and more people were sick and the hospitals were overwhelmed. We started to wear masks like the plague doctors do. We could no longer go to court.

All face to face meetings were canceled through the month of April, but we continued to learn and teach. We had our first ethereal gathering to discuss the business of the Shire in April.

We have Vacant Offices: Herald, Chatelaine, and Social Media deputy are currently vacant at this time.

The dancers tried virtual dance for the first time on February 27th, and started regular dancing practice April 10 ethereally.

The shire currently holds \$5,851.56. We will send payment for the fencing lists in February and March. The fencers are still practicing and reporting in.

The Minister of Arts and Sciences suggests an A&S swap. Requirements are that the item must be mostly hand made, SCA appropriate (but not necessarily period), and made primarily from supplies we already have. There will also be a menu and recipes for a virtual feast sent out. The goal is to use easy recipes that most of us already have, or can easily get during the few grocery trips we are making. For the actual feast, those joining us are encouraged to use feast gear and set up as they might at an SCA feast.

Coronation and Crown Tourney: Both scheduled for May 21-25th (Memorial weekend) at War of the Roses in NY were canceled due to the plague.

Hartshorn-dale events/demos

Shire Wars. We are still happy to support this event, and as we voted last meeting, we did not vote again, the prospectus offered no major changes

Commons

June 14th: Brandr was going to autocrat, and Sept 13th: Attila was going to autocrat.

We will continue to consider if these are viable, but will change venue from the prior plan which was to hold the June Commons at the 4H club, moving that venue to the September Commons.

Event next spring

Millisent had planned to meet with folks from Iron Bog in March, but the event they were meeting at was canceled. We will hold this as an agenda item until we hear more.

GoFourth demo in Pottstown. Eleanor to autocrat. No updates.

Brunch with Hartshorn-dale. This will be a regularly scheduled social hour, via Google Hangouts.

Sunday mornings, Easter weekend may be Saturday

Art Swap. Naomi coordinating
Virtual Feast. Naomi coordinating
Dance practice. Friday evening via Google Hangouts
Fencing livestream with James
Sunday Socials are on hold.

On April 4 the Society proclaimed changes to the Bullying and Harassment Policy as follows:

I. Bullying and Harassment The SCA prohibits bullying and harassment of all individual and groups. Bullying is systematic and unwelcome behavior which involves the use of influence, threat, intimidation, or coercion to cause hurt or harm to another person or group of people. When the bullying behavior is based on a protected class (race, sex, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, or disability), that behavior is defined as harassment.

II. Bullying and Harassment may be overt, as in the following non-inclusive list of examples: Verbal abuse, including using racial, homophobic, transphobic, ableist epithets, etc. • Non-consensual physical contact, violence, or threatening gestures • Displaying material that is offensive, degrading, or threatening to a protected class • Consistent demeaning remarks or malicious teasing • Stalking or predatory behavior Covert: • Spreading rumors or innuendo with malicious intent • Deliberate exclusion, isolation, or alienation of an individual without just cause • Using rank, title, or office to intimidate others

III. Provided that the behavior does not rise to the criteria listed above, bullying and harassment is not: • Single episodes of social rejection, dislike, tactlessness, or forgetfulness • Mutual arguments, disagreements, or fights • The termination, mutual or not, of a romantic relationship or friendship • Reasonable constructive feedback or critique

The test for bullying is the reasonableness of the behavior and the impact of that behavior on the recipient. Participants engaging in bullying/harassment are subject to appropriate sanctions. If an individual believes they have been subjected to or have witnessed harassment, bullying, or retaliation, that person should contact a seneschal, the President of the SCA, or that kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

The news then came that The First East Kingdom Ethereal Court of Her Majesty Queen Margarita & Their Highnesses Prince Tindal and Prince Alberic was held on April 11, A.S. LIV (2020)

In this court Her Majesty and Their Highnesses sent words of hope and encouragement. They helped to keep us all going through the next weeks, when we received more bad news.

In a letter written April 23 AS LV (2020) Sir Gregory of Loch Swan, Mayor, Pennsic 49 announced that the Pennsic Wars this coming summer was to be canceled in the presence of our current plague. Peace reigns uneasily, and we prepare instead for next year.

Thus begins the 2nd ethereal Business Meeting for the Shire May 7, 2020

The shire holds \$5,851.56 currently, and the 1st quarter report is being submitted. We are continuing to hold virtual dance practices.

William Walworth di Durham, mka Richard Sherman was confirmed as the new shire herald by unanimous show of hands.

Naomi will be planning a virtual feast. The menu will be drawn from A Drizzle of Honey, a cookbook based on court records of those accused of being Jews. Naomi will plan the menu, announce the recipes, and set a time. Aislinn has been appointed an MoAS deputy for the Northern portion of Hartshorn-dale.

Coronation and Crown Tourney are On Hold indefinitely.

The news from court is that the next Ethereal court is May 24th. They would like reports and pictures of us doing what we enjoy, to be added here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-3w5Q4HfCc39W8C-DuAXc7feR3jylPR1?fbclid=IwAR2YzNNI__FT2n0n9adrFvYMWChsVHsWD_wb8qbBFxUnr-Ae-uhTfBI3pAU

The EK MoAS page has all the online happenings in A&S listed here: <https://moas.eastkingdom.org/>

Hartshorn-dale events/demos

Shire Wars: There is no plan for cancellation at this time. How much do we need to contribute?

Commons: The June 14th date will need to be on hold due to kingdom level restrictions on gatherings, as well as Pennsylvania restrictions being unknown for that time. We can always put something together quickly even if the restrictions go past the September date planned with Attila.

Event for next spring: No updates.

GoFourth demo in Pottstown New date: Sept 6th 4-9pm

Online activities while in-person activities are on hold: They will be announced.

Brunch with Hartshorn-dale: Sundays at 11am

Dance practice: Friday evenings 7-8:30

Charter updates:

Approved at this meeting:

Officers

5.1. Officers should attend a majority of business meetings. If an officer or a representative cannot attend a meeting, the officer must contact the Seneschal with an officer's report.

5.2. Any problem with an officer's performance that cannot be dealt with on a local level will be escalated to the kingdom level.

5.3. Officers filing regularly scheduled reports with the Kingdom superior officer, must also copy the information to the Hartshorn-dale seneschal.

6. Officer Requirements

6.1. The purpose of these requirements is to ensure that as a representative of Hartshorn-dale and the SCA, an officer is familiar with the ideals and customs of the group and the SCA. In addition to any Kingdom or Society requirements, to hold an office in Hartshorn-dale a person must meet the following requirements:

6.1.1. Have been participating in the SCA for at least one year.

6.1.2. For the offices of seneschal and exchequer, the candidate must have been a deputy or served in another office for the period of one year. Service in other SCA groups will also count for this requirement.

6.2. However, on a case by case basis, the group may consider a person for an office even if the additional requirements are not met.

Discussion regarding Soc Sen handbook for Seneschals

Alison took the question of whether this was something we needed to change, or if we could retain our current process, to the EK seneschal.

The question was regarding this section of Soc Sen handbook:

From Society Seneschal Handbook: “Six months prior to the end of a local branch seneschal’s term, either you or the local seneschal should open the office for applications by advertising the opening in the local newsletter and other appropriate venues (e.g., local meetings, email lists, or social media). The six-month time frame allows for a three-month application period and a three- month training period for the incoming officer.”

From the EK Sen: “As for the timeline to replace seneschals: I am on the fence. If your process is working for H-d even though it's a shorter timeline, I'm hesitant to make you change that, given that the SocSen handbook says "should" and not "must." If, however, your current process isn't quite suitable, or sometimes results in a too-quick turn-around between candidate and officer, I'd encourage you to adopt the SocSen timeline.”

THUS ENDETH THIS CHRONICLE.

*D*ining
with
Henri II.
France circa 1560

*Shire of
Hartshorn-dale*

May 11th, 2019



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