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THE CLARION



The newsletter of the Shire of Darton, of the Kingdom of Lochac, October AS XLII (2007)

*“Glory is never where virtue is not.”
Martin le Franc, French poet (died c. 1460)*

From the Seneschal

IT is October, and it is time again for Council meeting. This Wednesday 7pm.

On the agenda; revised spending for Crown and a scheduled discussion on events in Darton. The whole populace is encouraged to attend with your views - what sort of events should we run, and how often?

Officers, please try to make [council meetings]. If you can't, send me an email report with your apologies.

Fru Marienna

Since the worst of the winter weather has passed, it will probably be a great time to go camping – but I will take my clogs, and my spade, just in case we get another 1 in 25 year storm, like last November Camp!

Plans are afoot to build an oven and bake bread, or possibly period pizza. And I am interested in doing some slow-work sparring, particularly if anyone is doing any period manuscript work, perhaps I33 (133) or Talhoffer. Again, we'll see.

Oh yeah, and there's also having a jolly good time with a few convivial beverages!

Cheers!

Master Stefano

From the Chronicler

GREETINGS To you all, from my fifth Clarion as Darton Chronicler. I note I am still awaiting confirmation of my warrant of tenure from the Kingdom Chronicler. But I have asked the Kingdom Seneschal to give them a prod, so we'll see.

Are you going to NAAMA in Levin at Labour Weekend? I am. It's my first, and I am looking forward to it. Lady Sancha and I are going to camp with our mutual friends MLH, and an interesting and enjoyable wee camping adventure it should be.

I am particularly looking forward to immersing myself in the NAAMA culture, and seeing what can see of it. I daresay I might have a few things to teach our metal weapon brethren; but on the other hand they no doubt have a few things to teach me. We'll see.

Regular Meetings

HEAVY Fighter Practice and Rapier Practice. Sunday 10am-2pm, Northlands Hall, Woburn Road, Northland. All welcome. Contact Sir Asbjorn on (04) 9760 220 for details.

DANCE Workshops. Held at the fighters practice hall from 12.30pm every second Sunday. All welcome. Contact Lady Francesca on (04) 4771 606 for details.

ARTS and Sciences Meetings. Wednesday 7pm-9.30pm, Pembroke Road, Wilton. All welcome. Contact Lady Robyn on (0211) 504 876 for details.

DARTON Council Meetings. Held at the arts and sciences meeting from 7.30pm every first Wednesday of the month. All Welcome. Contact Fru Marienna on (04) 9760 220 for details.

Upcoming Events

DARTON Has won the bid for May Crown 2008. Watch this space!

Darton Council Minutes

DARTON Council Minutes
September 2007

Officers' Reports

Reeve: \$2032.25 in, \$2305.75 out. This does not however include the last few cheques for DA going out. Update will be posted to the list ASAP.

Chronicler: Published the Clarion. Still not warranted. Have harangued kingdom chronicler. If you don't give me material to publish, I will publish what I want.

Constable: Nothing except received incident report from Collegium. No incidents at DA.

Marshal: Was Marshal-in-Charge at DA. Did an authorisation. Will submit paperwork.

Chatelaine: Nothing in. Mel volunteered to take over if Stephen serious about wanting to step down. Stephen did happy dance. Mel universally acclaimed acting Chatelaine.

Herald: Nothing to report. Now have all the old files. Has not received official paperwork of warrant. The council took a moment to consider the exquisite irony of that situation.

Lists: Ditto.

Seneschal: COGS fell through due to 'inadequate' paperwork, much to my confusion.

Have tried arguing with the Local Government, got as far as the regional manager. Next stop would be the minister, but deemed it hopeless. Consequently we need to rethink what we need vs. want for Crown. A small group of interested parties will discuss and bring back.

Recruitment: Nothing to report.

Quartermaster: Still not received list from Sharon. <Sharon rolls eyes.> [Sharon's] email woes continuing.

A&S: There were classes at DA. No major plans above that.

Martial Arts: Nothing to report.

Archery/Rapier: Apologies and nothing to report.

Events

DA: Despite best efforts to the contrary DA went ahead quite well. Small, but Brookfields were nice about cancelling part of the booking and gave us back our deposit. (Should not have, that should have gone towards the Crown booking. Richard will follow up on that.)

There was no gold key on site, and we had two people turn up with no garb. Reminder that it is in fact the one rule we do have about participation.

Excellent problem to have - we will go through gold key and make sure there is loaner garb so that the situation does not happen again. There will be a workshop combined with a Day O' Fun. Stephen and Tam will let us know.

Fighters' 1st Aid kit did not make it to site. Confusion reigned when Sir Asbjorn hurt his hand. Turns out he is in possession of the 1st Aid kit. Reminder to make sure it goes to site with us.

Future Events

Day O' Fun: As above. Details to be sorted on list.

29th September Event: There will be a fundraiser event run by the Bear House. Free beer! Ale, unhopped, pilsner and honey beer all available for tasting, and a violent Viking movie with proper subtitles. Bring food for BBQ. Koha requested toward the beer making project.

There will be a Crown meeting at 3pm that day. All the Crown people need to try to make it, everyone else is of course welcome - no secret squirrel business here!

13th October Cooking Workshop: There will be a cooking workshop at Marienna's, starting at 10am with coffee and list making, followed by shopping, lunch and then cooking and eating! Theme set to Al-Baghdadi.

[Proposed] Viking Feast: [To be run by Quentin and cooked] by Stefano for the Viking-Club-With-No-Name in early December. Details TBA.

March Camp: Dates under discussion. More information will follow.

Outstanding Business

Silk Order: Richard has emailed about breaking silk order up into two separate lots. Awaiting information. We may need to re-evaluate and/or take deposits from folk given the COGS grant fell through.

Icepacks: Still need costing. Kerry will get onto it.

Airlines: Have dropped prices in response to Virgin. Check it out if you're going to CF.

Open Business

Questionnaire handed out and in Clarion, regarding types of events and frequency. Seneschal asks all to please fill one in and prepare for a discussion at October council. We need to get some events happening, especially when we have some new people around. We can't realistically have the next event be Crown!

Mel keen to do a 12th Night event – Stefano interested in cooking.

Darton Council Positions

MASTER Stefano is looking for a replacement Constable to begin as soon as practicable. The Constable's position involves looking after health and safety issues, lost property, security, the good behaviour of participants at events, and periodicity issues at events. All applications should be emailed directly to Master Stefano, Fru Marienna and the Kingdom Constable.

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Excerpts from “The Memoirs of the Lord of Joinville”*



AND here I will tell you, how I ordered and managed my affairs during the four years that I spent abroad, after the King's brothers went away. I had two chaplains with me, who said my hours before me; one of them sang me my mass at daybreak, and the other waited until my knights and the knights of my troop were risen. When I had heard my mass I went off to the King. When the King wished to go riding I accompanied him. Sometimes it would happen that messengers would arrive for him, so that we had to transact business all the morning.

My bed was so arranged in my tent, that no one could enter without seeing me lying in it; and this I did to avoid all scandal about women. When the feast of St. Rémy [Oct. 1] drew near, I had my pig-yard stocked with porkers, and my sheep-run with wethers, and bought in a supply of flour and wine, to serve the household through the winter; this I did, because the price of goods went up in winter, because of the sea which is more treacherous in winter than in summer. I used to buy about a hundred casks of wine, and always had the best drunk first; and the servants' wine I always had mixed with water, and less water with the wine for the squires. At my own table they used to serve up to my knights a large jug of wine and a large jug of water, and they mixed them as they chose.

The King had given me fifty knights in my troop. At every meal, I used to have ten knights at my table with my own ten; and they used to eat opposite one another, according to the custom of the country, sitting on mats on the ground. Every time that they cried 'to arms' I used to send fifty-four knights, who were called 'decant' because they each headed ten men

whenever we rode out under arms. The whole fifty knights used to eat in my house on their return. At all the yearly festivals, I used to invite all the rich men in the camp, so that the King had several times to borrow some of my guests.

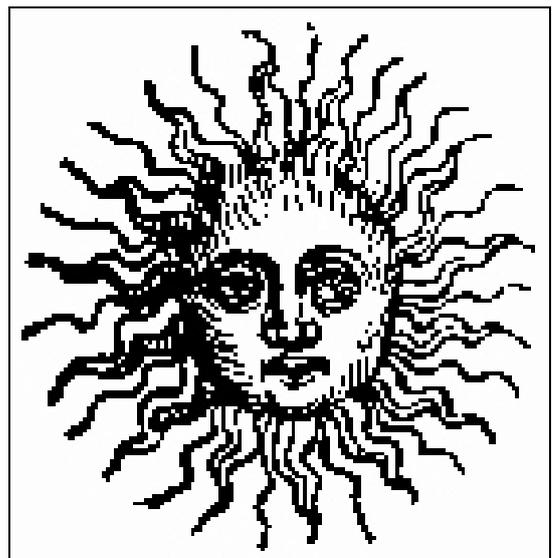
And now you shall hear the punishments and sentences that I saw awarded in Caesarea, whilst the King was staying there. First of all, I will tell you of a knight who was caught in a house of ill fame. He was offered according to the custom of the country an alternative: either to be led by a rope through the camp, stripped to his shirt; or to forfeit his horse and armour, and be turned out of the army. He left his horse and armour to the King, and quitted the camp; and I went and begged the King to grant me the horse for a poor gentleman that was in the army. The King replied that it was an unreasonable request, for that the horse was still worth from eighty to a hundred pounds, which was no small sum...

The second sentence was as follows: The knights of our troop were hunting a wild animal, called a gazelle (which is just like a roebuck). The Brethren of the Hospital dashed in amongst them, and hustled and drove away our knights. I complained to the Master of the Hospital; and he said he would do me justice according to the custom of the Holy Land; which was this; that he would make the brothers who had insulted us, eat on the ground, with only their cloaks under them, until those whom they had insulted should raise them up. The Master kept his word by them. And when we saw that they had been eating in this manner for a good while, I went to the Master, and found him sitting at table, with the brothers eating on their cloaks in front of him; and I begged him to allow them to be properly seated. The knights also to whom the insult had been shown, entreated him. He replied, that he would do nothing of the sort, for that he would not have the brethren ill-use those who came on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Thereupon I sat down with the brothers, and began to eat with them, telling him I would rise when they rose. And he told me, that I left him no choice, and granted my request; and he made me and the knights with me sit at meat with him, and the brothers went and ate with the rest at a raised table.

The third judgment that I saw delivered at Caesarea was as follows: One of the King's sergeants, called 'the Glutton,' laid hands on a knight of my troop. I went and complained to the King. The King told me that it seemed to him I might let the matter rest, for he had done no more than give him a push. And I told him, that I would never let it rest, and that if he would not see justice done me, I should quit his service, since his sergeants were to be allowed to strike knights. I got justice from him, and the punishment was according to the custom of the country, namely, the sergeant came to my quarters, barefoot and in his breeches, nothing more, with a naked sword in his hand, and kneeled down before the knight, and said to him: "Sir, I come to make amends for laying my hand on you; and I bring you this sword, that you may cut off my hand, if so please you." I begged the knight to lay aside his grudge, and forgive him; which he did.

[*Also known as "The Chronicle of the Ninth Crusade".]

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