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The Newsletter of the Barony of Iron Bog

From the Baronial Seat, Baron Collin and Baroness Marion

Greetings unto the Barony!

We've had a busy few months!

This July the Barony once again held the Summer Toy Lord event. We braved the rain and while fencing happened indoors, the rattan fighters stood amongst the rain drops and fought melee battles with grins on their faces. Even with a smaller turnout than usual the generosity of our people shone with over 70 toys donated to the Toys for Tots program.

Pennsic 41 is but a memory: a memory of rain, wind, heat and tent failures all over the campsite. But we should not only remember the less than ideal things as there were many good things that happened too. On a rainy Sunday morning the Barony made us proud by leaving their dry tents and processing for Opening Ceremonies. Due to the weather, Opening Ceremonies was held in the barn so we stood together

in the rain until we were no longer needed.

Later that same evening, we held our traditional Court/Potluck dinner. The food was great and the conversation just as good. Don Andre was given the Sable Martlet for his service to the Barony during Court.

The Barony members also guarded the EK Royal Gates Wednesday morning of War Week. Stick weasels were armed and no-one dared assault the gates while we were on duty.

Also at Pennsic, Lord Sterling won the Known World Baronial Champions Tourney. He so impressed the assembled Baronial Seats of the Known World that he was the runaway victor. He also has the honor of being the only fighter to ever win this twice. Vivat Sterling!

While we are talking about Sterling, we would be remiss if we did not mention River Wars. As always he held an event that will be talked about for

some time. The classes were fun. The fighting, fencing, archery and thrown weapons left all the men and women tired and asking what would be in store for next year. Lastly the food, from the Friday dinner to the dayboard and feast, left everyone full and happy. To all those who worked so hard to make our Barony shine well done!

Iron Bog hopes to hold a Toys for Tots commons in December and don't forget the "Giving of the Bird" holiday social will be coming soon too.

2013 will start with the Barony having the honor of hosting the Kingdom's 12th Night celebration. This will be on January 5th. We know how hard the people of Iron Bog work when put to the test and we are looking forward to seeing them shine once again.

In service,
Collin and Marion

From the Chronicler, Lady Aibhilin inghean Ui Phaidin

Since the last issue we've seen summer come and go and fall arrive. We had our July Toys for Tots, Pennsic and River War and are now looking ahead to Toys for Tots, Giving of the Bird and Twelfth Night. Thank you to our Baron and Baroness and our Seneschal for their articles for this issue of the Iron Monger. It is evident that we have wonderful Boggies who support and serve the Barony in many ways. In my roles as Chronicler and Chancellor of Youth, I also see how the Youths of our Barony are coming into their own as they too support and serve our Barony. Diana of Iron Bog (aka Shelby) was added to a wonderful group of our Youth who have received our Iron Punk award. In March, at the Baronial Birthday event, Evan of Iron Bog became Baron Collin's Towel Boy. Over the last several years as Chancellor of Youth for our Barony, I have seen not only children of all ages having fun as they participate in the youth activities, but I have seen the "older" children take the initiative to assist me and help with the younger children. Most recently at River War, Katelyn Monro took the initiative to assist Lady Fiadhnaid and I as we helped the younger children make dragons, unicorns and stars on sticks and make cloth dolls. Katelyn not only helped with tasks for which we asked for help, but she jumped in to help whenever she saw the need. It's been fun and exciting to work with and even brainstorm ideas for other events with Katelyn, Evan and the other "older" youth of our Barony. They truly are the future of our Barony and our Society.

"My Two Cents" from the Seneschal, Lady Ahelissa Dragun

Have you ever considered teaching a class at an event? I recently had the opportunity to take a couple of classes at an event and I realized something that was somewhat startling to me; our volunteer teachers are not the polished professional trainers I encounter at my mundane job. These brave teachers were passionate about their craft, and were willing to break it down into easily digestible pieces so a novice or at least someone less experienced than they, could understand and try their hand at it. They were not overly organized – this does not mean that they were unprepared, but rather un-rehearsed. It was obvious they were enthusiastic about the subject matter and willing to share. If you are proficient at something – be it mead making, beading, weaving, sword making, scribal arts, sewing, or any of the myriad other things that we, as a group, do, why not consider teaching a class. Even if you only have one student you will get to share something you love with someone who may come to love it too. (and having been in a class where I was the only student, I got one-on-one instruction – wonderful for me!)

And that's my two cents!

Congratulations to...

*Don Andre
Sable Martlet*

*Diana of Iron Bog
Iron Punk*

*Lady Caitrina Gordon
Sable Compass*

*Lady Caitrina Gordon
Order of the Duck*

*Lady Creatura Cristi of Oaks
Order of the Duck*

*Lord Lucas Beekaert
Silver Cattail*

*Lady Valery Fitzgerald
New Mistress of Arts & Sciences*

Vivat, Vivat, Vivat!

Monthly Activities

Fight Practice: Come practice medieval heavy weapons fighting! Loaner armor is available if the Knight Marshal (Lord Lucas Beekeart) is contacted in advance.

Every Sunday 1pm to 4pm
Location: Dominic Johnson Recreational Center, Pemberton NJ. Directions are on the website.

Rapier Practice: Learn the art of Fencing!
Some loaner gear is available.

Every other Sunday 1pm to 4pm
Location: Dominic Johnson Recreational Center, Pemberton NJ. Directions are on the website.

Youth Rapier Practice: Children 6 and older can come and learn to fence.

Archery Practice: Learn the art of Archery!
(no compound bows please) Loaner gear available.

1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: on hiatus for winter.
Location: Dominic Johnson Recreational Center, Pemberton NJ. Directions are on the website.

Business meeting: Here the business aspect of the Barony is handled by the Baronial officers. All Barony members are welcome to attend and participate.

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.
Location: Collingswood Library, Haddon Avenue, Collingswood NJ. Directions on website.

Sewing Circle: Learn the art of Sewing while working on your own medieval costume!
(Please contact Lady Geneva for more information as to specific group projects or supplies that you will need to bring).

2nd Tuesday of the month 7pm to 10pm
Location: Lady Geneva's (please contact her for directions).

Brunch with the Baroness: A monthly traveling Sunday afternoon activity sponsored by the Iron Bog Cooks Guild. Activity is a medieval potluck open to all members of the Barony and beyond.

If you would like to host a Brunch please contact Lady Valery from the Cooks Guild to schedule.

Scribal Night: Join us for an artistic evening of learning the scribal arts! No experience required!

First Thursday of the month 6pm to 9pm.
Location: Collingswood Library.

Project Night: This activity includes everything from working on and sharing your own personal projects to team efforts. Please contact Lady Creature the Baronial Mistress of Arts and Sciences for more information on how to get involved!

Fourth Wednesday of the month 7pm to 10pm
Location: Lady Creature's (please contact her for directions).

Upcoming Baronial Events

Toys for Tots: TBA

Giving of the Bird: TBA

Twelfth Night: January 5, 2013

Baronial Officers

Baron Collin Monro of Tadcaster

Baroness Marion del Okes

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Chatelaine: Lady Genevra d'Angouleme

Deputy Chatelaine: Lady Chyldeluve de Norfolk

Chronicler: Lady Aibhilin inghean Ui Phaidin

WebMistress: Lady Saikhan Saran

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Knight Marshal: Lord Lucas Beekeart

Deputy Knight Marshal: Lady Saikhan Saran

Deputy Knight Marshal: Heinrich Wachter

Youth Marshal: Heinrich Wachter

Company Captain of the Archers: Eoin Dubh

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Deputy Marshal of Fence: Lord Declan Gobha

Mistress of the Lists: Lady Caitriona inghean Sheamuis

Historian: Lady Caitrina (Katya) Gordon

Mistress of Arts and Sciences: Lady Valery Fitzgerald

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