

# The Iron Alonger

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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 hope that this missive finds you well. Spring is finally here (at least according to the calendar) and we are looking forward to the start of the spring event season. But first we would like to take a moment to reflect before we look ahead.

The past year has flown by and we have started our second year as Baron and Baroness. We have truly enjoyed this role and look forward to continuing to build on our experiences in the hopes that we make you proud. We encourage anyone that has any thoughts about what we may be doing well or might be able to do better to reach out to us. Any feedback helps us continue to improve and is appreciated.

This past January the Barony hosted East Kingdom 12<sup>th</sup> Night. Lady

Creature, Lady Katya and staff put on an event for the ages. We heard many compliments in regards to the event and the feast and the Barony showed everyone how fantastic a group we are. Their Majesties were so impressed with the quality of the food and the presentation of the feast that they awarded Katya with the Order of the Burdened Tyger at Mudthaw.

We would also like to thank Lady Creature for opening up her home and hosting the annual Giving of the Bird social. In February, Mistress Katherine ran her event "The Modern World Collides with the SCA Again!" The class offerings for this event continue to cover a breadth of topics and we hope to see this event continue to grow. Vivat!

Looking ahead to some events of note, Coronation is being held in the Barony of Carillion on April 6<sup>th</sup>. This is an excellent opportunity for those that have never been to a Coronation to witness all the pageantry and splendor a Coronation encompasses. Also, the Crown Province of Ostgardr is hosting the Spring Crown Tournament on April 27<sup>th</sup>. In June, we look to the west as the Barony of Bhakail plans to invest Tiarna Mael Eoin mac Echuid & Lady Ysmay de Lynn as the next Baron and Baroness of Bhakail. We will miss working with Darmon and Sabine and look forward to continuing to work their successors.

Look to the e-mail list as well as at the upcoming meetings and in the next newsletter for details on Baronial plans for Pennsic this year.

## *“My Two Cents” from the Seneschal, Lady Athelissa Dragun*

Spring! A word full of hope and promise. Warmer days are coming; more daylight will be here soon. Time to shake off the winter doldrums and think about something new – new skills, new projects, new activities.

Spring is a time of beginnings, so what better time to begin that project you have been planning all winter, or begin to learn a new skill. One of the most wonderful things about the SCA and our Barony is that, if you want to learn about something, chances are excellent there is someone to guide and instruct and point you in the direction you need to go.

Summer events are not that far away – now is the time to start getting ready – refurbish garb, rework or update camping gear; update/upgrade your armor; new banners; your own part of the sheet wall. Do you have an inner artist – illumination and calligraphy may just be your new passion. Sewing, beading, embroidery, herb-lore; if you enjoy it, others may also. Want to learn about something? – I am sure our MoAS would be happy to have some suggestions on things our Barony is interested in! Come out to the A&S nights for inspiration or assistance – or to inspire and assist others. Bring a friend – or two!

Have you been considering taking up one of the martial activities – come out to practice and try your hand at archery or fencing or heavy weapons. Our marshals would be happy to provide loaner gear and a chance to try something new. Just let them know you will be coming out so they can be sure to have the loaner gear for you. Bring a friend – or several. Bring non-SCAdians, too!

My hope for each of you for this Spring season is that you find renewed passion for our hobby, and inspire others as well.

And that is my two cents.

### *Upcoming Baronial Events*

**Toys for Tots:** Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

**River War:** Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

*Congratulations to...*

*Lord Heinrich Watcher, recipient of his AOA*

*The Newest Recipients of the Tyger's Cub of the East:*

*Diana Barr Thornquard of Iron Bog*

*Katelyn de Monro of Iron Bog*

*Evan of Iron Bog*

*Our Barony's new...*

*Mistress of Arts & Sciences, Lady Valery Fitzgerald*

*And*

*Chatelaine, Baroness Drueta de la Rosa*

*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.

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Brunch with the Baroness:** A monthly traveling Sunday afternoon activity sponsored by the Iron Bog Cooks Guild. The 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.

**A&S Night:** This activity is now a combination of project night, scribal night and sewing circle. It includes everything from working on and sharing your own personal projects to team efforts, learning/working on sewing projects including your own medieval garb, or learning the scribal arts! No experience required!

First Thursday of the month 6:30pm to 8:30pm.  
Location: Collingwood Library.

Please contact Lady Valery the Baronial Mistress of Arts and Sciences for more information on how to get involved!

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