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Baron Conchobar and Baroness Eilidh, Proconsul and Proconsula, doth send greetings unto the Noble Barony of Dragon's Laire.

Once again it is Our greatest pleasure to report on the great deeds of the Dragon's Laire populace. Recently we traveled to the neighboring lands of Aquaterra, and at their Ursulams witnessed many Dragon's Laire people volunteering their time and energy. Our people could be found helping set up the site, in the market place, at gate, with the Moneyer's Guild, on the archery range, in the list fields, attending His Majesty, and perhaps most importantly, greeting and talking with the Modern Guests. What we love most about Dragon's Laire is it's people's ability to step up, and lend an eager hand of assistance no matter where they are. You volunteer with such good will, and with joy in your tasks that the work seems effortless. However, We are mindful that it is work and effort nonetheless, and We wish you to know how much you are all treasured. You fill us with pride and humble us by your example.

We have special thanks and recognition to be made. Thank you so much to THL Diana and THL Stephen for securing us a place on the erics. Without them we would not have had a place to call home. Also, these two have for many years given their time and energy to set-up, tear down, and volunteering in between at Ursulmas. Their Excellencies of Aquaterra honored them each by making them members of The Order of the Silver Dolphin. Congratulations.

Congratulations to Christian, Our Baronial Youth Champion won the Youth Combat Tourney. You do us proud. We look forward to the great things you will do as you grow.

Congratulation to THL Khloe. She is the newest Arcarius to Sir Andras. We have no doubt this is but one more step on a road full of adventure, accomplishments, and just a bit of mischief. We know you will find joy in the journey.

Keep an eye out for the time and place of the next Regional War Practice. It will be Dragon's Laire's turn to host, and it will be a great opportunity to get ready for Baroness War. "Hint Hint."

We look forward to seeing you all Dragon's Laire Candlemas. It will be a fine day full of opportunities to learn something new, or share an interest in art or craft. It will be a good day to visit with friends and celebrate our Arts & Sciences and Bardic Champions, both those stepping down after a year of service and those stepping up. Come support and participate in the artistic efforts of this Mighty and Talented Barony.

In Joyful Service,

Baron Chonchobar Mac Eoin Procunsul & Baroness Eilidh Proconsula of Dragon's Laire

Seneschal's Report

Unto Their Excellencies Dragon's Laire, Conchobar and Eilidh, Baron and Baroness and the populace, joyous February!

Spring is upon us, as we pack away our thoughts of winter's chill, we need to look towards the approach of warmer weather and tourney season! But first Candlemas!

Her Royal Majesty Drifinna will be attending Our event!

Dame Madrun and her masterful team have prepared a fabulous event for all in attendance. Champions in the Arts and Sciences and in the Bardic shall be decided, along with those folks doing research papers for the Scholar program, if you get the opportunity do sit in on one of the presentations.

Soup and bread will be served at the lunch break.

At the end of the competition all of those registered for the feast shall enjoy a fabulous meal.

Coming soon to a branch near you! The Barony of Stromgard invites you to come and experience Founding Revel, it is their Arts and Sciences Championship. Go and watch their competitors as they vie to wear the cloak and to be StormMaker, an unbelievable honour, a great feast shall follow the competition.

Kingdom Arts and Sciences and Bardic Competition shall be next on the list. The Barony of Glymm Mere shall host the event in Ocean Shores at the Shilo Inns on the 4th, 5th and 6th of March. The entire event shall take place in this beautiful hotel, next to the Pacific Ocean. Surely it will be a fabulous time that you will not want to miss. Hope to see you all there!

Out on the not too distant horizon, looms June Faire! With all things Dragon's Laire, we shall rise to the occasion and put forth an unforgettable event. HL Talia and the June Faire Board will organize a fabulous event, they will need our help, many hands make light work, and this event definitely takes many hands.

If you have interest in becoming more involved in the workings of this great Barony, come talk to me and we will see where you might fit in to take a more active role in this game we play.

Renart Seneschal

Officer Reports

Seneschal: See previous page.

Exchequer:

Balances

Checking: \$25,993.98 Savings: \$24,280.10 CD: \$10,218.52



My term is up in July, so I am looking for a second deputy to be my successor. I will train: no experience necessary! Please see me if you want to learn more.

Baronial Steward:

- 1. Re-organization and inventory of gear in the Baronial Storage Unit will be an ongoing process that will probably not complete with a comprehensive list until after June Faire. If there is anything you need, or think you need even, from the Storage Unit, please contact the Steward. He has a very good idea of what is available for use out of the Storage Unit, and even what is available for loan by others (i.e. Marshallate, Arts and Sciences, etc.). If you have questions, please ask.
- 2. Please remember that space available in the Storage Unit is tight. Please keep this in mind when considering future purchases in support of the Barony. If you need a space to store new, Baronial Owned, gear we need to carve out the room for it in storage.
- 3. If you need items out of the Storage Unit, please give me as much notice as possible so I can make the time to pull things out of the way as necessary to get to the items you need. Contact me at <arontius@comcast.net> if you need access or if you have any questions. Either myself or the Steward Deputy (Dame Madrun) can meet with you at the Storage Unit depending on schedule.
- 4. For anyone anticipating the need for items from storage in support of Candlemas, please contact Dame Madrun as soon as possible to organize your needs. It is anticipated that a run will be made for equipment from the Storage Unit over the weekend before Candlemas (February 6th/7th). If you are looking for specific items, please speak to the Steward.

Golden Dragon Pursuivant: There will be both Royal and Baronial court at Candlemas. If you are interested in learning court heraldry please contact me at the event.

Also at Candlemas there will be a Grand Procession in the afternoon. For those who don't know, this is a procession of the populace before the thrones in order of rank in the Order of Precedence (OP). His Excellency would like ours to be in "reverse order" (higher ranks last). Please look up your number in the OP so we can place you in the correct order. We will have cards available for you to give to the heralds so your name can be announced. I would greatly appreciate help with heralding this especially since I don't know if I'll have my voice back by then.

Countess Elisabeth is also available at most Tuesday night fight practices for heraldic consultation.

Scribe: Our wonderful scribes are busy designing, calligraphing and illuminating the charters for Candlemas.

Ela Pennu Ynis Dewi has gone above and beyond in making my transition to Baronial Scribe as easy as possible. Thank you!

We are getting very close to having at least one of each of the charter designs finished and on hand to be painted. We can always use more designs! If you are interested in designing a charter, let me know, and I will be happy to guide you through the process or simply give you the details and get out of your way.

Baronial Marshal:

Events

Dragon's Laire was well represented at Ursulmas in all disciplines.

Heavy Armored

We are getting closer to being able to hold our heavy practices outside again. The weather and dark are still not cooperating, but hopes are high that this will soon change. "Official" practice remains on Tuesday nights but attendance has been virtually nil. I would like to see our Tuesday evening practices put to such use as can be made, perhaps with classes and drills. In the mean time, there are many opportunities to practice with our neighbors and fighters are strongly encouraged to attend. There are groups of fighters planning to ride share to these practices. See me for more information. And as always, fighters are encouraged to practice on their own amongst themselves as opportunity presents.

Rapier

Rapier practices continue at the VFW Hall on Tuesday evenings in conjunction with the Baronial Social. Interest is good and we continue to draw new and guest fighters to our practices.

Archery

Archery practices are on Sunday afternoons at the VFW Hall when the weather and mud gods permit. See the Baronial Archer's report for full details.

Thrown Weapons

Thrown Weapons practices are in suspension due to the failing light. See you in the Spring!

Equestrian

Practice opportunities are available with some of our Baronial Neighbors. See me if you would like more information.

Youth Armored

Lords Avangr and Myrik continue to manage our YAC program.

Siege

Due to the holidays, siege activity has tapered off some. Work continues on a catapult and a second ballista with hopes that both will be in action for the coming war season. Also, the Dragon's Laire siege crew is working with Kingdom on investigating target siege and an experimental ballista munition.

Additional Practices

If you have an opportunity for additional practices you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these. Please keep me informed so that I can include this information in my reports. Also, if you need or want the Barony to be more involved,

don't hesitate to talk to me

Chief Acher: It has been wet and the range has been soaked, so no practices have been happening lately. We managed to squeeze one it before the rain to hold. From that practice a new family has joined out Barony to play.

Ursulmas occurred over the last weekend of January. From our Ranks we had Andras, Arion, Elisabeth, Loric, Marcel, Nolwenn, Stephen, and Telamon all on the range at one time or another. Dragon's Laire Archers also supplied the hot beverage and cookie station for snacks through the event. It was cold, but it was fun! Here's to warmer days to shoot!

Lists: No report at press time.

Minister of Arts & Sciences: The Baronial A&S and Bardic Championships will be happening at Candlemas, later this month. We also have the Scholars of Dragon's Laire papers presentation happening at Candlemas.

The Baronial populace is invited and encouraged to attend the various presentations - I sent out a schedule, yesterday, and will send out another one right before the event. There will also be a schedule posted at the event.

The semi-annual Baronial A&S Day Camp will be happening in April. Stay tuned for more information on the date, time, and location.

For information on Guilds, please see each Guild report.

If you are holding classes on a regular basis, please let me know. The Kingdom asks that we report what types of classes and how often we hold them, here in the Barony, and I would very much appreciate being able to include your class in my report to Kingdom. Thank you to those individuals and groups who have been sending me this information.

Gamemaster: Went to St. Bubba Feast to learn how to play more games. I learned how to play Goose, 12 Man Morris and a type of Solitare; also learned how to make game boards. I am planning on making a 12 Man Morris board soon.

I am also working on compiling a book on Medieval Games with how to play and their rules.

If anyone wants to play games at the weekly Social, just ask. Also will have games availble at Candlemas including Darts.

Librarian: Yes, we have books in our Baronial Library, but no new tomes this month. Please contact me if you would like to check out a book or come visit the lonely tomes located in the northern wilds of our Great Barony. If Bainbridge Island is too far to travel, I can bring a book to you, at our Tuesday socials.

Although we have no new books to report, I would like to point out a wonderful service for art enthusiasts by the NY Metropolitan Museum of Art. This amazing institution is offering free (yes, download or read online for FREE) museum publications since 1964. This includes the venerable collection of The Cloisters, a museum owned by the Met that is devoted to medieval studies. Check out their

MetPublications website at: http://www.metmuseum.org/research/metpublications/ You can search through the "keyword" option, or dropdown menu at "Collection/ Department" for your subject category. Its a good thing I have a terabyte of storage, there are too many to choose...

Happy reading!

Chronicler: I would like to thank THL Rycheza for publishing the January "Flames" for me. Marcus' death was such a shock and such an upheaval that I really couldn't think straight, and THL Rycheza reached out at just the right time. Thank you again, Rycheza!

I am now back in the saddle, but plodding slowly.

WebMinister: The website ploughs on, as websites will do. Latest update will be in the next day or two, prior to that, it was two weeks ago.

As usual, if you have anything you want/need on the website send it to me. And I do ask, send it to me. I often don't see FB posts, so a message or a heads up is welcome!

In late March we will have our 4 domains and our webhosting service to pay. I prefer to pay in two year increments, as that's the best deal on the webhosting. Our webhosting is \$214.90 for two years, that's less than 9\$ a month and is a great bargain. Our domains vary in price from \$9.95/yr to \$11.95/yr. We get a bargain on one of them, basically.. This is also a great price for domain names. Domains are dragonslaire.org, junefaire.com, junefaire.net, junefaire.org (all the junefaire websites point to the same website for 'moderns'). So the total, for two years of domains and webhosting will be \$306.50 or thereabouts (assuming my math is correct). We may get one or two of the domains for free, that happens sometimes. Anyway, I will be asking for about \$306.50 for the websites in March/early April, when the bill comes due

Chatelaine: Not much to report. There were no inquiries about the SCA or demos. I have spoken with His Excellency and the date for New Comer Night will be decided upon shortly.

If you have a really cool idea about NCN or for the Chatelaine tent at June Faire please contact me. I'm open to suggestions.

Gold Key: Your friendly neighborhood Gold Keys have all in readiness for June Faire, & are in the midst of making some additions as well.

If all goes our way, we will have some surprises for everyone.

See y'all at June Faire!

Family Activities Coordinator: I have stepped down as Family Activities Coordinator. I encourage anyone interested in volunteering for the position to please talk to Their Excellencies and our Seneschal. One requirement from the SCA, Inc. is that the Family Activities Coordinator must have a Background Check performed by the SCA's vendor. Luckily, I am An Tir's Background Checks Deputy, so I will be able to answer any questions that arise regarding Background Checks.

Guild Reports

Bardic Guild: On hiatus until a new leader steps forward.

Costumers: Nothing to report.

Culinary: Meeting are scheduled as follows:

March 16, 7pm to 9pm, Night out Poulsbo location to be announced at business meeting. Topic will be cookbooks for June Faire

April 20, 7pm to 9pm, at Mateusz and Rycheza's Suquamish, Topic June Faire recipe selections.

May 18, 7pm to 9pm, Location TBD, Final June Faire preparations and cooking over brazier.7

Scribal Guild: Our Guild members are scribbling and painting away, helping our Baronial Scribe get charters ready for Candlemas. I can't thank our Scribes enough, for all their time, talent and dedication devoted to the award artwork for our Barony. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! THL Rhiannon surely appreciates their efforts, especially around this time--9 days before our Baronial Court. Please turn in any completed charters to her, our DL Scribe.

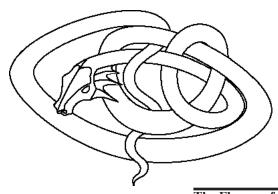
We will be hosting a few classes at our Tuesday socials. Please contact me if you would like to learn about a specific interest in the scribal arts that is not included in this short list.

The Creation and Drafting of Original Scrolls and Charter Design Basic Charter Painting

Intermediate/Advanced Charter Painting (whitework, diapering, drapery) Basic Calligraphy: Carolingian Script

Intro to the Reed Pen, Cutting and Script Hands for Reed Pens We will have a Scriptorium on Sunday afternoon TBA after Candlemas and please look for a guild meeting announcement soon.

Textile Guild: No report at press time.



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| 28 | 29 | FP & Social 1 6 p.m. at the VFW | |
| Archery 6 1-4 p.m. at the VFW Kingdom A&S/ Bardic Championship | 7 | FP & Social 6 p.m. at the VFW | |
| Archery 1-4 p.m. at the VFW | 14 | Business Meeting 15 6:30 at the VFW Textile Guild 6 p.m. at Madrun's | Culinar Nigh |
| Archery, 1-4 p.m. at the VFW | 21 | FP & Social 6 p.m. at the VFW | |
| Archery, 1-4 p.m. at the VFW | 28 | FP & Social 6 p.m. at the VFW | |
| Archery 1-4 p.m. at the VFW | 4 | | |



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Baronial Calendar of Activities February 28-March 28, 2016



June Faire Populace Listening Session Number 2, December 8, 2015

(notes taken by Tsuruko Sensei)

Topic: The Marketplace

The discussion was led by Master Arontius. He clarified that he was moderating the discussion because he is a member of the June Faire Committee NOT the June Faire Board and is tasked with researching the Marketplace. Dame Ellen is the Marketplace Coordinator for June Faire 2016.

I have collected the comments into broad topics below.

Jurying

Some merchants feel our jurying is too strenuous; too excessive for an SCA environment.

Dame Gwen has been Merchant Coordinator for June Faire on a number of occasions. She feels our jurying is not excessive. What is considered strenuous? Merchants should project a period aesthetic.

If you're a merchant in the SCA you should want your set-up to look period.

Many people agreed with this sentiment.

Are we expecting more of the merchants than from other activities?

Dame Gwen said she saw no pop-ups in A&S, archery and on the erics.

We don't like to see lots of blue plastic.

Last year one person was turned down for having a sub-standard set-up.

Non-SCA merchants are put off by our increased standards.

Some merchants ignored the criteria and set up anyway. There is no policing after they are set up. We are being kind by not kicking people out even though they don't follow the criteria.

How can we enforce consistency among those that don't want to comply?

Most modern visitors don't see the inconsistency in standards and it doesn't bother them.

There have been some complaints of the cost of a quality merchant booth. It is not the responsibility of the Barony to guarantee a living to anybody. We are not a Promoter. Our booth fees are less than \$199.99. Anything over that would make the Barony a Promoter which would entail more costs and rules.

Some merchants have signed the contract but have showed up with sub-standard booth but aren't asked to leave

We should have a "naughty" and "nice" list. (We do)

We know who the good ones are. They should be given prime real estate. The naughty ones get the back 40. ("Shame Alley")

There is some inconsistency in the quality of pavilions in the Marketplace. Some are nice canvas with dags and such but others are unadorned pop-ups.

Some merchants spend a lot of money on a quality pavilion set-up and are told the next year that their set-up isn't good enough. Merchants with nice pavilions sometimes are surrounded by unadorned pop-ups. This is not fair.

Guidelines/standards

We don't have standards but we do have a bare minimum. Make an effort. The look of the event has come a long way over the years.

We need a standard.

We need to be consistent with everybody. Guidelines need to be clear.

We need to have published standards and ask people to leave if they don't comply. Who will develop the expectations?

Make expectations clear and disseminate on FB and Kingdom mailing lists.

There is a concern that we'll be making the criteria too restrictive. We may not get enough merchants.

If the standards are too high we'll get fewer merchants. Are we catering to the modern public or to the SCA?

Consider invitation only?

We don't do an invitational for the fighters or the other activities.

Quality/type of merchandise

Some people want to see more variety of goods for sale.

Garage sale wares shouldn't be at June Faire.

What we sell depends on what merchants we have.

SCA merchants tend to cater to the SCA.

Does the jury take into account the type of merchandise that will attract modern shoppers?

Many merchants sell both SCA and modern merchandise.

Some people would like to see quality merchandise that integrates artisanship.

Merchant Placement

The criteria for placement is dependent on the peculiarities of each site.

How much space do we want to allot to the Marketplace?

We could allow invited merchants to set up in front in prime areas with a smaller area for new merchants and mentor them.

Try not to exclude people. Experienced merchants who are up to standard should be given prime spots. Beginners and those not quite up to snuff should be assigned more outlying areas.

There are some logistics involved to allow space to set up large pavilions with lots of frontage.

Merchants (general)

Both moderns and SCA folk shop at our June Faire Marketplace.

Get them in the door (modern visitors) then we can educate them.

We have a new June Faire site. With the new site we can make a clean break. What is the Barony's goal for Merchants? The larger the gate attendance the more money the merchants are likely to make. What do we want the merchants to do for us? Is this a good time to make these changes?

What are enough merchants?

Kamar has a good reputation with many of the merchants. He is willing to assist the merchant crat. We don't want to alienate the merchants.

Would like to see disenfranchised merchants return.

Redefining the marketplace is a good idea. It may mean we have fewer merchants but quality is better than quantity.

Are food merchants part of merchant's row? Where should they be placed? They can't be held to the same standard. We need more food merchants.

Balance the medieval look and feel.

Is there a contract for merchants? Does it ask how long they've been merchants? If you've been in for a long time you should have an acceptable set up.

June Faire is a premier event in An Tir; we should have premier merchants. Beginners can start at smaller events.

Modern visitors don't understand the difference between merchant's row and the A&S village. Could/should they be integrated?

Many years ago we had around 60 merchants in the Bowl at the Pt. Gamble site with the rest of the event being across the street. People came in to shop and didn't go over to see the rest of the event. We don't want that. Merchants should be part of the show, not the entire show.

Moderns come in for shopping, then they hang around and see the other activities. We can draw them in with good quality merchandise.

The Marketplace is one of the draws of the event.

Merchants have to make their costs.

What is June Faire?

June Faire is our big recruiting drive.

What is June Faire about? Do people shop for modern stuff or SCA stuff?

Are people coming to the event to shop or watch activities?

What do we want June Faire to do? What is the goal?

June Faire should give the public the greatest experience that we can.

Purpose is to recruit. If there isn't much that people like they won't come back.

Do moderns come to watch the fighting only?

Jurying and related topics was the only Marketplace topic covered at tonight's meeting. Other Marketplace topics that should be discussed in the future include:

Fees vs donations

Physical location of Merchant's Row at the event.

Integration with Arts & Sciences

Additional fees levied by the county just for having merchants. Who should pay these?

What are the standards?

The next Listening Session is at fight practice on January 8, 2016. The topic is camping and marshallate.

The schedule for future Listening sessions is as follows:

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Camping & Marshallate – January 8, 2016 Archery/TW/Seige – January 26, 2016 Arts &Sciences – February 9, 2016 Logistics/Infrastructure – TBD

June Faire Populace Listening Session Number 3, January 26, 2016 (notes taken by Tsuruko Sensei)

Topic: Missile Arts (Archery, Thrown Weapons, Siege)

The discussion was led by Master Arion. He emphasized that tonight's discussion was about June Faire in general and its future, not specifically June Faire 2016. Given unlimited space and resources what do you want to see at June Faire with regards to the Missile Arts?

First he asked what did people think of as missile arts? Answers included bow, atlatl, siege (engines), knives, axes, spears, and equestrian archery. They want to see target and combat activities for all the disciplines.

I have collected the comments into broad topics below.

Siege

Siege weapons include the ballista, trebuchet and onager.

The public will like to see siege engines in action (like modern punkin' chunkin'). Target siege is doable.

Have a real siege munitions display.

What can we do to involve the public with siege? We can let them shoot bows for archery, can we let them shoot a siege engine? What is our liability? Can we make it safe for someone who knows nothing about it? The owner of the siege engine gets final veto power.

Just seeing the weapon draws the public. Seeing it in use attracts even more people. Table top size siege weapons could be made for demo purposes. Let them shoot marshmallows for a quarter (25 cents) each.

A local farm draws many people to watch punkin' chunkin' in the fall.

It takes lots of effort to haul a siege engine to an event and set it up; as a result some people that have engines may not bring them. Sometimes they go through all the effort to bring their engines only to be told there is no room for siege/no siege activities.

If we have scenarios available people will participate. Publish the scenarios in advance so stored siege engines can be prepped or repaired in time for the event. Siege activities were very popular at Bows & Blades.

Equestrian Archery

SCA equestrian activities include mounted gaming (quintain, heads, rings, etc.),

mounted archery, mounted combat and jousting. Equestrians can also throw spears from horseback.

If the land is available people will come out to watch mounted archery. There can also be archery from a moving chariot.

The biggest obstacle to equestrian participation is that it's a small community that can participate in only so many things. We are almost the farthest group away from most of them. We'd have to offer more than just mounted games to attract them to come out this far (e.g. jousting, mounted combat, etc.)

To save space the archery range could be periodically cleared to allow equestrian archers to use it.

How much water do the horses need? (Note: I checked my records from Sept Crown 2012 and we allowed for 30 gallons of water per day per horse. This can change depending on how hot it is and how much activity the horses are doing. This information is from the Kingdom Equestrian Officer at the time. I think we planned for 15 horses.)

Archery

What kind of activities can we have for archery? SCA Royal Rounds? Novelty shoots?

Participants are focused on the tournament, not so much on the demo aspect. Archery and Thrown Weapons are the only activities we do that the public can participate in that day.

If you are a participant more time should be spent "demo-ing" and talking to the public.

Some would like to see a period competition.

Give the public a show. Entertainment factor needs to be considered when planning activities. While target shooting is fun for us it's boring for the public to watch.

We could do a deer hunt (deer sounds). Combat arrows could be used for this.

Shoot combat arrows at someone in full heavy armor.

Have an educational demo on arrow design and how the different types influence effectiveness. Put the display on the range, not over at A&S where it may not be seen by people interested in archery. All the disciplines could have a demo set up like this.

Build a castle and run scenarios using it. Other groups have castles that we probably could borrow.

Demo vs SCA Competition

Should the emphasis be on SCA competitions or demos? Most people agreed that since it's June Faire the focus should be on the demo aspect.

Heavy tournaments are a big part of June Faire.

Rather than having a competition have groups compete for bragging rights as part of the demo.

Artemesia demos don't bring in newcomers; attendance at an event is the draw there. In contrast June Faire works well for us as a recruitment tool.

Which is more effective for recruiting, tournaments or demos?

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Could have a combat archery or siege demo.

Show how the various missile activities go together. Run a scenario once or twice per day and have it on the schedule. Arrows would have to be made safe and there would have to be enough qualified people to run it.

There used to be missile tournaments on Sunday but we stopped doing it after the rules changed.

If activities are scheduled the schedule should be posted, put in the site handout and announced around site. There has been a lack of this in recent years. We need people to explain what is going on during a scenario/activity.

Can we use a "volunteer lotto" to encourage people to volunteer for crier/announcer duties? Maybe have a crier competition? Merchants often donate items for the volunteers.

Limited Space/Resources

Now if we had limited space and resources what could we do?

Focus less on competition. Priority should be showing off our stuff to the public. Have a period only range? Consider the appeal of full period archery vs SCA archery with period targets.

Schedule activities so the space can be shared.

Dead time is the killer. Have something interesting going on for people to watch in between scheduled activities.

Do we have enough marshals? We need to be mindful of how many people it takes to run a given activity.

Should we have an information booth? The chatelaine already helps out with this to a certain extent.

Should there be a volunteer coordinator for each activity?

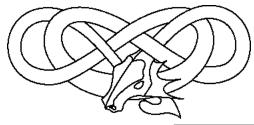
The modern archery range is very popular.

Shoot a small siege engine at armored people.

Shoot an apple off a foam head.

Novelty shoots/throws.

The schedule for future Listening sessions is as follows: Arts &Sciences – February 9, 2016 Camping & Marshallate – Needs to be rescheduled Logistics/Infrastructure – TBD Volunteerism - TBD



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SCA on the Internet

The Internet is a powerful and convenient resource, but remember that not all sites have been designated as official.

SCA Homepage: www.sca.org

SCA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/currentmiddleages?fref=ts

Academy of St. Gabriel (really useful name and heraldry site):

http://www.s-gabriel.org/

Romans of the SCA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/romansofthesca/

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Many groups within the Kingdom maintain e-mail lists; these are listed at http://antir.sca.org/Lists/index.php

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