



# The Whetstone

BARONY OF THOR'S MOUNTAIN

NOVEMBER 2013

## A NOTE FROM THE SENESCHAL

Please remember that the **Baronial Vote of Confidence**, in which the populace votes on whether **Mistress Godelind of Windemere** will continue as **Baroness of Thor's Mountain**, will take place at the **February business meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.**, at **UT Conference Center**. **No proxy votes will be accepted except for those who are unable to attend due to active military service.**

A link to the **Succession Policy** can be found on our website at [www.thorsmountain.org/pubs/Baronial\\_Succession\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.thorsmountain.org/pubs/Baronial_Succession_Policy.pdf).

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## Demo explores persona

Thor's Mountain residents who attended the Greenway School demo were in for a big surprise. The students were dressed in medieval garb, and each had researched a persona to portray. They had completed projects including making chainmail, dyeing and spinning fibers, and even constructing castles.

Greenway School has a continuing relationship with the Barony of Thor's Mountain. Every three years, the school focuses on the Middle Ages, incorporating all subjects into a study of that time period. The course of study culminates in a medieval festival that closely resembles an SCA event.



**The Honorable Lord Hruse MacIntosh (center) defeats Lord Osric se brewere. With them are the two ladies of Greenway School.**

Gentles participating in the demo include **Mistress Solveig Eiriksdottir**, **Captain Jack Marvel**, **THL Hruse MacIntosh**, **Lady Muirenn ingen Uí Dunchada**, **Lord Osric se brewere**, **Milady Edana**, **Ruarcc mac Lugdach** and **Josh Bunch**.

Students enjoyed instruction in medieval games, dancing, fighting demonstrations, discussion of life in the Middle Ages, and the classic "Sit Down, You're Dead" game.

The students crafted a thank-you poster with a personal message from each student. The poster was displayed at Troll at Silver Hammer.

## Bard of Silver Hammer poem

**By Ruarcc mac Lugdach,  
Bard of Silver Hammer**

With respects to the legendary and semi-mythological Bard Amergin, inspired and adapted from his "Mystery:"

I am the wind seeking the dance of the sea,

I am the wave striving for the shore,

I am the hammer singing in the forge,

I am the ox in seven combats,

I am the vulture upon the rocks,

I seek the beam of the sun,

I seek the fairest of blooms,

I seek the wild boar in valour,

I seek the salmon in the water,

I seek the word of the wise.

I drive the point of the lance in battle,

I call on the God who put the fire in our hearts,

Who is it who throws light into the meeting on the mountain?

Who announces the ages of the moon?

Who seeks that moment where our valour shines like the sun?

If not I.

Hearth behind, mountain before,

Who seeks the heroes of the hall, the heroes of our hearts and our song,

Who seeks to strive and strive and strive again, perhaps to fail, but yet to strive,

So that our stories never die?

...

If not us, those of the mountain.

# Silver Hammer Court Report

## Compiled by Mistres Marthe Elspeth of Oak Hill

Their Royal Majesties Ailgheanan and Amber welcomed the populace.

THLord Ronan MacMorton gave the results of the Queen's Yeoman tourney. He noted the tourney was in two parts, that Lady Etain was first in the preliminary. She was awarded a dozen arrows. Master Olethainn was called forward to be the Queen's Yeoman.

The members of the Order of the Weaponsmaster were called forward, and Their Royal Majesties inducted Lady Svala, Lady Muirenn, and Lord Miklos into the Order.

The populace was invited to come forward to swear fealty.

In the tournament for the Defenseman of the North, there were 12 participants. Capt. Corbin was presented with a Letter of Marquis and Reprisal. The scroll, done by Mistress Elisabet, was done in the style of a period letter.

The Court of Her Excellency, Mistress Godelind of Windmere, Baroness of Thor's Mountain, was opened.

The autocrats came forward to make announcements. The fundraiser for the women's shelter raised a\$400. We collected two huge tubs of toys for Toys for Tots.

The winner of the Silver Ham-

mer Tourney is Duke Thomas Blackmoore.

Lord Miklos was awarded the Order of the Sable Gryphon.

THLord Karl the Wanderer was called forward to be given the Ram's Horn for Service.



Mistress Eleanor of Ashley requested the ladies of the barony to come forward, and THLord Hruse was given the Silver Heart.

The autocrats came forward again to give out prizes. Holy relics of Meridies were given to: Capt. Corbin, Duke Thomas, THLord Ronin, and Master Robert the Gray.

Father Gregory came before Her Excellency to beg justice. His autocrat partner was supposed to have done \*half\* the work for the event. However, Thomas gave much, much more in his time and treasure. Gregory gifted to him a clerical cloak and cape.

Mistress Solveig came forward to give Lady Amya, her protege, an apprentice belt. This closed the Court of Her Excellency.

Lord Fergus was called forward to receive the Order of the Broken Bow.

Their Majesties awarded the Order of the Meridian Pillar to Mistress Rose-mounde of Mercia.

The Order of the Cygnet was given to Collette la Roux.

Lady Gellis MacDonald was Granted Arms.

The Queen's Rapier Champion was named as Mistress Ysabel de Saincte Croix.

The Order of the Bough was called forward to recognize Baroness Cate-lin Rayne de Marchaunt,

who could not be present.

Lord Eberhart von Dornberg was Granted Arms.

His Majesty stood and waxed nostalgic about his coming to Thor's Mountain, which he regards as his home. This was where his first event was, where he was authorized to fight, where so many of his dear friends are. But more than that, this barony has been a beacon to the surrounding area. For that, he announced that the Barony of Thor's Mountain would receive an Augmentation of Arms!

To much rejoicing, the Royal court closed.

*The Whetstone needs  
your submissions!  
Please send recipes,  
how-to's, photos, and  
event, class or demo  
reports to Muirenn at  
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# Joelisms

And that's when the hookers came out. - Liz

And she looked so surprised!  
- HRM Amber

I'm afraid the sun on the field was too much for my heraldic brain. - Wu

On your bestest day, you would never steal Her Excellency's thunder.  
-HRM Ailgheanan

What do you get when you cross a Ram's Horn with a Silver Heart? Service with a smile. - Mistress Roz

Pay no attention to the herald behind the tabard. - Wu

Show me on the doll where the bad king touched you. - HisRM

That's my favorite son-in-law!  
- Guillame

They used to call it the Crown's Presence, now it's a restraining order.  
- HRM Ailgheanan

Efficiency comes from dictatorship.  
- HRM Ailgheanan

I need battle pasties. -Osric

No oreos. They hadn't been invented yet. - Countess Aliann

She never lets me have any fun.  
-HRM Ulrich

I'm a member of D.A.D.D., Dads Against Daughters Dating. Our motto: Shoot the first one, word will get around. - Anonymous

What is it with you people and cats?  
- Tommy

'You suck.' Yeah, It slides right off you after you've been told that by 500 9th graders. - Anonymous

That won't annoy your parents later, so they'll like them. - HRM Ulrich

How many peers does it take to put a hood on? - HRM Ulrich

How many shades of red can Thomas turn? - Castellana

I'm a weeper. You're gonna make me cry. - HRM Ulrich

The King who's not afraid to weep.  
- Gunthram

Gellis: Provocative rug burns.  
Osric: How are you getting rug burns?  
Muirenn: From Gellis.

Everyone should have a laugh that causes asthma. - Gellis

We claim him as our own. Don't make us pee on him. - Liz

That's the biggest damn dog I've ever seen. Oh, it's a cow. - Liz

Go, Make Mead! - Osric

Man Mosh Pit. - Liz

The damp is damp. - Catherine

They're doing something under the thing. - overheard

I used all the duct tape on the bunny.  
- Pooka

Every Rose has a thorn. - HRM Ulrich

She never lets me have any fun.  
- HRM Ulrich

Good Lord, she traveled with Ailgheanan?

You're not in trouble... yet.

You gotta show your ankles. - Muirenn

It's hard to run in a houplande.

Get with it, Mouth of Sauran. - Auk

Proxies on tape?

I finally got to go up with the kids.  
- Griffin

Let's go get some hats. - HRM Ulrich

Will no one rid me of the troublesome Duke? - HRM Ulrich

Would Mistress Ellawin be upset with me if I did X? - HRM Ulrich

Dear God, I hope we have hats.  
- HRM Ulrich

"And, I, Ulrich, Konigen... er, Konig of Meridies."

Have a cookie. - HRM Ulrich

We've put worse in this order and made soldiers out of them.

... things from the past, come back to bite me. - HRM Ulrich

Moral of this story, be careful what you promise. - HRM Ulrich

Look at me. I'm Mistress Maudey, I'm throwing flames. - Maudey

She makes clothes that make me weak.  
- Lorenzo

Special thank yous to the Mandin Escort Services. - HRM Ulrich

There were far greater reasons to leave you that I ignored. - Muirenn

If you can put it in your mouth she knows what to do with it.

Next video game - Juggernaut vs. Kung Fu Panda. - Seth

Talia: Miklos, were you evil?  
Miklos: Why, yes, yes I was.

Daniel, are you being sweet and gentle?  
- Muirenn

Shepherd's pie, Italian style. - Mad Dog

I'll have a Thin Mint for the road. - Roz

I would really like to see us enter the 21st century. - Halla

Stealth is no longer an option. - Jyne

I was afraid it was contagious. - Miklos

Her suntan is rising. - Tristram

Dang, I can't make a sandwich out of that. - Wolfgang

I had the politest death I've ever had. - Wolfgang

Have you heard any wacky comments at SCA events? Of course you have! Please send your Joelisms to [szcareys@gmail.com](mailto:szcareys@gmail.com).

# Torchlight on Scipio DaVigo

**Mundane name:** Scott Choroba

**SCA name:** Scipio DaVigo (sip-ee-oh) "Skippy"

**Baronial offices held:** Rapier Warlord

**What period is your persona?**  
15th Century Italian merchant.

**Why did you choose that period?** I picked it because of the use of rapier, and I picked merchant so I had an excuse to wear pretty much whatever area's garb I wanted, seeing as merchants get around!

**What brought you to the SCA?** Three F's: Fellowship, Fighting, Fermentables.

**What activities do you enjoy in the SCA?** Rapier fighting, learning new skill sets and crafts from other people. SCAdians are always willing to



rope more people into their cause and crafts, which makes it the perfect learning environment. And of course, teaching my skills/crafts to others.

**What can you tell us about your life outside the SCA?** I am an Electrician/Electronics Technician. I teach electronics at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Oneida. I coach an Olympic fencing club. I am an amateur home brewer, and I sew my and my friends' garb.

**What is the best gift you ever received in a box?**

Back in high school, my girlfriend, (now my wife) made me a homemade box FULL of homemade peanut butter cups. They were delicious and very thoughtful. Who couldn't marry a girl like that?

Photo by Captain Jack Marvell, mka Joel Davis.

## Events, gatherings and meetings, oh my!

- **The first and third Sunday fighter practices** of each month are now in-garb practices with the populace encouraged to attend. Please bring an Arts and Sciences project if you can.
- **Holly and Ivy**, the Barony's holiday party, will be held Saturday, Dec. 21, at Concord Yacht Club, 11600 South Northshore Drive, Knoxville. Doors will open at noon. Feast is \$10 and will be served at 7 p.m. This is a wet site. Activities will include fellowship, classes, rapier and armored combat, and more. See the Facebook event page for details.
- **Curia**, the Barony's annual business meeting, will be held 9 a.m. to noon, or whenever we're done, at 16 Emory Place, Knoxville. There will be a potluck breakfast coordinated by Lady Jyne-Helene of Hope. Please bring a dish to share. Use the Google form linked on the Barony Facebook group to submit topics for discussion.
- **Black Gryphon**, the Thor's Mountain RUM event, will take place Friday through Sunday, Feb. 14-16, at Fall Creek Falls State Park in Pikeville, Tenn. Saturday will be a day full of classes for RUM credit and otherwise. The theme is "Scotland," but classes will not be limited to that topic. Those interested in teaching should contact the event's autocrats, THL Catherine Stewart, [krmcnutt@pobox.com](mailto:krmcnutt@pobox.com), or Lady Amya von Dornberg, [amyavondornberg@gmail.com](mailto:amyavondornberg@gmail.com).

