

the whetstone

march 2010 ~ BARONY OF THOR'S MOUNTAIN

***Chronicler's Note:** Entries are presented in reverse chronological order, which makes "catching up" on Kingdom and Baronial news a little easier. After this issue, news for The Whetstone should be relatively up-to-date. The Joelisms speak for themselves.*

**Meridian Court at Gulf Wars 18, 2009 (March 20)
Seth II and Gwendolyn I
As Reported by Mistress Marthe Elsbeth of Oak Hill**

Thanks to the populace from Their Royal Majesties. The Glenn Abhann/Meridies A&S challenge had 53 entries from seven kingdoms. Thanks from TRH, "we're proud to be Meridian."

The Shire of Crimson River presented a puppet theatre to the Crown for future use (which some squires and knights put to immediate use).

The Kingdom Seneschal, Sir Griffon, announced that the Shire of Des Forge is now official.

Mistress Stephanie made an announcement about the Meridian Social, and was given the Meridian Majesty and the Sovereign's Pleasure for her service.

Sorcia Inghean Gregare was awarded Arms; Eoife Maxin was awarded Arms; Malcolm McDearborn was granted Arms; Finnuala inghean of ??? - was granted Arms. Morton Paris Shinna will be made a knight at Coronation.

Sir Griffin announced that there would be court at the Meridian lands an hour after the field battle on Saturday. Court was closed.

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**Meridian Court at Gulf Wars 18, 2009 (March 21) - Meridian Encampment
Seth II and Gwendolyn I
As Reported by Mistress Marthe Elsbeth of Oak Hill**

Court was called to order under the auspices of HRM Seth.

A good gentle whose name I did not catch was called into court. No one answered the summons. Amya von Dornberg was called into court to receive her Award of Arms from the hand of the King. Court was closed.

Minutes from the Business Meeting for the Barony of Thor's Mountain
Thursday, September 10, 2009
As Reported by Mistress Marthe Elsbeth of Oak Hill*

The Irish Festival was a big success. It was suggested we put it on the calendar at Curia for next year.

Father Gregory is the new Reeve. Rayne, Aaron, and Liz will be put on the signature card, as well. We need to hold the card for the new Kingdom Exchequer who will be announced at Coronation. The Barony's Fiscal Policy needs to be reviewed to bring it into compliance with Kingdom and Society policies. We're doing everything right, it just needs to be in writing. Gregory, Solveig, and probably Marthe Elsbeth will edit the policy, to be approved at Curia.

Equestrian - Sort of on hold, more complex than we thought. We can get together and ride on our own to learn the basics. When there is enough interest, we'll deal with the details.

A&S minister - Lady Aislinn, with a great intro from Lady Olrún.

Chirurgeon - Drink lots of water. Fighter practice will not be held if the heat index is 105 or above.

Herald - Commenting circles have been happening. If you are interested, send email to Master Alexander. Next meeting is at Mariana's.

Chronicler - (Jack) - no report.

Webminister - is now in possession of Webminister Handbook. If you want personal information on the web site, give a signed release to Giric. Any questions, email Giric.

Farspeakers - New copies courtesy of Gregory. (But it appears to be a misprint; Gregory will correct and reissue.)

Committee Reports:

Jehanne Memorial Project - Still underway. This Saturday, starts at noon, come pre-fed, will probably order pizza if folks stay that long. Future dates TBA.

Events:

Silver Hammer -

- ❖ Volunteer list going around.
- ❖ Wolfgang may be back by then, yay!
- ❖ Hank wants Heraldic tabards by then; Lady Catherine will send out list of possible dates to complete.
- ❖ Walkie Talkies - need batteries
- ❖ Gellis needs info on tourneys
- ❖ Iazzie - heavy
- ❖ Jack - Rapier Valkyrie tourney
- ❖ Guilliame - Archery, and Baronial Yeoman tourneys

- ❖ A&S - carved pumpkin/vegetable contest
- ❖ Merchants - contact Allesaundra
- ❖ Bardic - Friday night - Master Will's whim
- ❖ Saturday night - Bard of Silver Hammer
- ❖ Children's stuff - pinata for kids 13 and under, see Aislinn to contribute
- ❖ Possibly a pinata for adults
- ❖ Halloween activities instead of dancing.
- ❖ Feast - Sounds yummy!

Holly and Ivy -

- ❖ December 19 in Luttrell Community Center, details to follow

Black Gryphon -

- ❖ Italian theme; Lady Brigid is the class crat.

Spring Crown List 2010 -

- ❖ Iazzie is doing the bid. If we don't get the bid, then May Tourney will happen, with Iaz-zie as autocrat and Gia and Liz as feastcrats

Calendar -

- ❖ September 11-20 - Njall & Allesaundra will be in the TV A&I Faire

Miscellaneous -

- ❖ Knoxville Opera Guild wants our help with decorating a ball (Scotland themed) the week before Thanksgiving Day; info on the listserv.

Meeting adjourned.

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**Royal and Baronial Courts at Silver Hammer
October 31, 2009
As Reported By Mistress Marthe Elsbeth of Oak Hill***

The Court of Their Royal Majesties, Boru and Deirdre, TRH Thomas and Elisenda presiding, opened with thanks by His Royal Highness for the great event, even with the rain.

The populace was invited to swear fealty through Their Royal Highnesses.

Lord Wolfgang von Wuestenberg was called into court. He presented gifts to Their Highnesses from the Middle East.

Their Highnesses gave leave to Mistress Godelind, Baroness of Thor's Mountain, to hold her court.

The Children were invited forward to receive gifts from Her Excellency.

Jarl Ailgheanan mac Sidhe was called into court and proclaimed the winner of the Silver Hammer Tourney. He was presented with the Silver Hammer of old, as well as a new hammer token for him to keep. The scroll was done by Lady Aislinn von Wuestenberg. Jarl Ailgheanan took a moment of the court's time to ask Lord Wolfgang to come forward. He then presented the Silver Hammer to Wolfgang, with heartfelt speech, and asked that he take it with him back to the Middle East for luck that he may return it next year.

Milady Jayne-Helene of Hope was called forward to receive a Ram's Horn for Service.

House Oak Hill came forward to pay taxes in the form of an iron bound box with gold and silver (kisses) and a bottle of the roduct of the monks of Amaretto. Mistress Marthe Elsbeth asked that Lord Henry Fox be hereafter known by the moniker 'The Youngest'. Her Excellency agreed, and so it was done.

Milady Rosabella Anacreonte (Bella) of Munin's Nest received a Ram's Horn for Service

Lady Gellis, Lady Brigit, Lord Jack, and Lord Tristram were called forward to take care of Autocrat and event items. Lady Gellis thanked milord Thomas for his help with plumbing issues, as well as milord Yoshimada, THLord Charles de Joscelyne, Mistress Marthe Elsbeth and Baron Bryan Kildonnan for their assistance with the event.

Lady Aislinn announced the winners of the A&S competition: milady Marianne Barnes for the Pumpkin Carving, and Lord Giric Red Wolf for his entry of netting.

Lord Guilliame Sinclair announced the new Baronial Yeoman, THLord Ronan MacMortan; he gave honorable mention to Wolfram von Wuestenberg who missed that honor by only 1 point. Their Highnesses also shot and acquitted themselves proudly on the archery field. Lord Miklos won the highest score, milord Wulfram von Wuestenberg led in team archery. Milord Wolfram received a quiver of arrows and scrolls created by Wolfgang were presented.

THLord Tristram announced the winners in Rapier: Lord Corbin de la Roux won the Rapier Tourney. The First Annual Valkrye Tournament was won by Lady Ysabel de St. Croix.

Milord Wolfram von Wuestenberg was called forward to receive a Ram's Horn for Service; Lord Wolfgang von Wuestenberg was given a Ram's Horn for the Arts.; Davoc Walkerer and Diana Fiona O'Shera were awarded Ram's Horns for Service.

Master Alexander Ravenscroft and THLord Tristram Jager Von Bonn were called forward to receive the award of the Silver Heart. Much hugging from the ladies of Thor's Mountain ensued.

It was announced that feast would be early, 30 minutes following the close of court.

At the call for further business, Lord Wolfgang came forward and presented Mistress Godelind with a statue of Urim, Queen of Babylon, from his travels in the Middle East. He and Lord Tristram presented Lady Caitlin Rayne with an amber apple representing her recognition as a Daughter of Aduin.

Thus closed the Court of Godelind of Windermere, Baroness of Thor's Mountain.

The Royal Court continued with the elevation of Elizabet MacKenzie du Ross to the Order of the Pelican. Mistress Marthe Elsbeth of Oak Hill came forward as her sponsor. Speaking for her and verifying her knowledge were Countess Cailleach ingen Thuathail (representing Royal Peers), Sir Goldmund of Aragon (representing the Knights), Mistress Eleanor of Ashley (on behalf of the Laurels), and Baron Bryan Kildonnen (representing the Populace). The Crown asked if it was still her wish to become a peer, she said yes, and then swore fealty to the Crown in the persons of Their Royal Highnesses. She was invested with a medallion, a circlet, and a cape to show her new status. Three cheers were given for the new peer.

Thus closed the court of TRM Boru and Deirdre.

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**Royal Court at Menhir
January 16, 2010
As Reported By Mistress Marthe Elsbeth of Oak Hill***

The Court of Their Royal Majesties, Boru and Deirdre, was opened at 4:30 p.m.

THLord Ronan McMorton was called into court to receive the honor of being the Queen's Yeoman. His scroll was painted by Annabella McPherson (his lady wife).

Edward Richardson received the Order of the Meridian Cross.

Their Majesties requested a moment of silence in memory of Baroness um Jarrad (Maggie Clark), who passed away the previous Wednesday. She will be greatly missed.

Two good gentles were not present when called.

Svala Thorfinnsdottir received the Order of the Argent Comet.

Mistress Odindisa Egilsdottir was awarded the Order of the Compestella.

Aethelwolf and Xantha were given the Order of the Guiding Hand, with original scrolls made on site by Lady Mariana and Lord Iastreb.

Aislinn McQueenton (part of the Celtic triumvirate) was granted Arms, with an original scroll by the hand of HRH Elisenda of Owl's Nest.

Countess Gwendolyn Stewart and Mistress Maudelyn made autocrat announcements. Mistress Una was applauded as Head Kitchener. The Yard Sale raised over \$650 for the Gulf Wars Knowne World Party.

Guilliams Sinclair and Gellis McDonald were given the Order of the Broken Bow, with scrolls illuminated by Lady Svala and Lord Ronan.

Court was closed.

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Minutes from the Business Meeting for the Barony of Thor's Mountain
Tuesday, February 2, 2010
As Reported by Mistress Marthe Elsbeth of Oak Hill*

Announcements from Curia:

- We voted to spend \$6,000 on a new trailer.
- Mistress Rosemoude has the fabric for the new herald's tabards, a work day TBD.
- Voted to spend money on the Sable Gryphon tokens.
- Changes were suggested to the Fiscal Policy. The three changes, as noted, were approved by acclamation.

Baronial Field Pavilion Committee Report: They have looked at several options, deciding that a tent with movable walls would be better than a pavilion like we presently have. A Panther Marquee would run about \$800-1000. This would be a multiuse item, and we can cannibalize the present pavilion for poles, stakes, and ropes. The secondary baronial pavilion in the trailer can also be used; this information will be passed on to Allesandra, who's in charge of the new troll tent.

Knight Marshall: Thegn's Tourney is scheduled for February 14 (Valentine's Day). We will also have the baronial potluck there. The KM is looking for a replacement *soon*.

Thor's Mountain Cavalry: Equestrian practice is scheduled for February 13, 10:00-4:00, with an organizational meeting on February 11.

Minister of A&S: report went out on time.

Chirurgeon: Will be at Black Gryphon, if anyone is interested in shadowing or apprenticing to her.

Herald: The Consulting Circle will take place at the Silver Spoon on February 9.

Chronicler: A Whetstone is forthcoming. If anyone has items, send to her ASAP.

Reeve: If you have been allocated money, please spend it and turn in receipts.

Jehanne Memorial Project: The first tapestry will be at Black Gryphon; Liz will have others there for folks to paint.

Rapier Marshal: If rapier can't be held outside this coming Sunday, it will not be held. Travis' office is unavailable.

Black Gryphon:

- The LMU folks are trying to make it there; they may be able to get a van for transportation.
- Volunteer list is going around.
- Saturday feast: The kitchener would appreciate any help on Saturday. Eleanor read the menu (Yum!).
- February 13 - Prep day at Eleanor's; also with almond-milk making day at Roz's.
- Classes at Black Gryphon will be held from 9:00 to 5:00, with an hour for lunch.
- Wolfgang will teach Heavy Fighting 101.

Crown List:

- Iastreb is autocrat. He has a copy of the flyer on his computer for those who want to see it.
- The Kingdom Earl Marshal is changing from Sir Morgan to Duke Seth, so scheduling is still in process.
- The Queen's Yeoman Prize Tourney, and the Queen's Rapier Prize Tourney will be held. The winner receives a prize, and the Queen will choose her champions from the field.
- The Orders of the Velvet Owl and the Bough of Meridies will meet.
- His Highness will have a Landed Baronet meeting at breakfast.
- The autocrat is thinking of having Viking Thumb Wrestling Friday night around 10:00.
- The Grand Ball will happen after feast. Liz is making appetizers and requested help.
- The Feast will be reviewed by the Secretary of the Grand Chefs; cutoff for feast space is at 120. Sir Robert Hightower, Mistress Eleanor and one other will be the judges. The theme is the Original Melting Pot, with eight countries being represented. (Other suggested themes: Peas on Earth, or War and Peas.)

Silver Hammer: Still need a kitchener. Let Fionn or Halla know if you are interested.

Demos:

February 24: At **West Town Christian Church** for home schoolers, K-8. 8:30 - noon. Aislinn, Catherine, Wolfgang, Kristiana, Solveig (?)

Cedar Bluff Middle School: anything medieval in February or March. Contact the Seneschal for contact details.

Calendar:

2/6 - Sewing day at Marthe Elsbeth's, noon to 4:00 p.m.

2/5 - Fighter Practice

2/9 - Commenting Circle at Silver Spoon

2/11 - Equestrian meeting at Travis' work

2/13 - Eleanor Work Day

Roz, Work Day, Almond milk

Equestrian day, 10:00-4:00, see web for details

2/14 - Thegn's Tourney and potluck at Tyson

2/16 - Scrollerly at Aislinn's

Metalworkers at Njall's

2/19-21 - Black Gryphon

2/24 - Post Mortem at UT, 7:00 p.m.

2/25 - Painting at Liz's, 6:30, expect to be fed.

2/27 - Painting at Liz's

3/2 - Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at UT

3/7 - Fighter Practice

3/9 - Commenting circle

3/14 - 3/21 - Gulf Wars

3/28 - Fighter Practice

4/6 - Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at UT

JOELISMS

I'm getting tarp hair. - Kypp

I have alcohol and weapons. I'm good to go. - Eva

We've been officially dubbed the Meridian Engineering Corps by the Trimarians. - Iazzy

Men are big boobs and they like stoopid. - Duren

Ahhh! There's an elephant in my underwear. - Duren

My privileges were revoked at Black Gryphon. - Iazzy

We'll go into Tormod's multiple personality disorder later. - Will

Cramming that child full of sugar after 5:00 p.m. is Officially Not Funny! - Will

They're in the box that says 'Bill food and diapers'. - Duren

Evil mail man come to kill us all. Wait, wrong species. - Liz

Oh, little one, I love you so much, and you are so heavy. - Emma

It's all fun until someone loses an eye. - Marthe Elsbeth

Then it's hilarious. -Reynard

That makes you a pedophile, doesn't it? - Iazzy

No, I'm a woman, that makes me a cougar. - Eva

Don't whack the baby. - Solveig

Solvi! Heel! - Will

Not enough white paper in the world. - Will

... but they thought of it first, and I don't like that. - Will

Peers only make fun of squires' feelings. - Will

Seth, His Dudeness. - Iazzy

The innkeeper was a hothead on a stick. - Will

There was lots of eye candy in the merchant's area. - Amanda

Keep playing in the fire. You'll be fire. - Rayne

You weren't called for, you were invoked. - Will

My mother tried to kill a walnut tree raising me. - Iazzy

He drank it straight. - Faelen

OH, DUDE! - Will

You come from postal stock? - Will

Something about Go Long and Bill took a bear to the eye. - Liz

That's just slopping over with cute. - Will

I got cold enough to be inspired to sew. - Liz

I'm stinky but not fighter type stinky. - Leyl

Parsnips at 3 paces. - Eberhart

Yeah, that's a dada type lady. - Solveig

Fritz, what year is it? - Solveig

You do that, I'll beat yo' ass. - Amya

We're all characters, some of us more than others. - Marthe Elsbeth

Commit an atrocity for me today, please. - Ianka

The SCA is the only place where, if you cup a guy, he comes up and offers you a beer. - Eva

Ahhh, I've become That Guy. - Sir Valdy

I am not the Delphi for today. - Marthe Elsbeth

... then you'll get married, and you'll always have women telling you what to do. - Iazzy

My wisdom tooth will tell me not to laugh. - Ysa

You need to write that down. That's funny. - Ysa

DonDon looks like a hobo near the fire. - Ysa

I don't need the history. I just need the quote. - Marthe Elsbeth

Tormod is not originally from anywhere. - Solveig

Somebody invited fire? - Rayne

Would anybody like some more Bitch? - Marthe Isbeth

Big Notes. I like that. - Annchen

It's hard to make a goose vomit. - Tristram

Time to start fighting heavy again. Just for fashion. - Reynard

Marthe, you won't have enough paper for the rest of the war. - Rayne

Someone bend over and pick up my armor. I can't move. - Faelen

I spend more time on the phone than most 12 year old girls. - Alexander

It's early for fractions. - John of Vulpines' Reach

Oh, it's a laurel wreath? I thought it was a nest. - Eberhart

Put down the syllables and slowly back away. - Faelen

This is not the conversation you were looking for. - Iazzy

Mistress Marthe is going to tighten your wedge. - Will

We haven't had a good throw down in textiles in years. - Myrgjol

How do you get to be a kingdom if you don't have a clue? Oh, was that my outside voice? - Solveig

Iazzy... my beloved squire brother... And NARC. - Faelen

Look, a basket of wenches. - Emma

"For all your combat knitting needs" - [weapons grade] Arms Merchant.

Heralds talk a whole separate language, and it confuses me. - Taylor/Dmitri

I'm assuming ankles were involved. - Tormod

... and ears. - Will

... and stirrups. - Tormod

The ground is never friendly. - Faelen

Warm baby is tasty if you cook it right. - Faelen

Why can't someone just go in and WIN the damned tournament? - Anne

Perhaps you should not massage the grapes. - Duren

When the herald's away, the knights play. - Anon.

You are a GOOD despot. (pat, pat) - Solveig

I don't feel like a despot. I feel like the ringleader for the ADD circus. - Will

I killed two Ansteorran and a Queen! (It wasn't ours.) - Rayne

I was being funny. Unfortunately it didn't work - like most of my jokes. - Alexander

Leon gets more action than my reputation gets. - Will

The cringing it burns us, it does. - Will

Let's go commit some sins. - Mad Dog

I'm looking for a Laurel because I've discovered I like leather. - ??

In a perfect world, crown would be determined by combat archery at thirty paces. - Will

I'm gonna put my bling on so I look important when I get ice. - Alexander

He really pissed the broom off earlier. - Bianca

If a young girl jumps over a broomstick, she'll be a mother before she's pregnant. - Tormod

I can't read. It still counts though. - HRM Seth

We're all gonna die! - HRM Gwen

Not for two weeks. - HRM Seth

Just so you know, I'm not wearing my cod piece so I'm compensating with my camera. I'm not sure how it'll turn out. - Jack

You want to be a Herald? Give me your clothes. - Tobias

I'm being responsible!!! - Iazzie

So it's your fault? - Faelan

By gosh, it's not a tourney unless someone loses their pants. - Karl
But Wolfgang wasn't there. - Alexander

It's a whole lot of paperwork. It's fun. - Alexander

I'm going to be like Saher and be as conservative as possible. - Solveig

The pigs got it from the birds. - Catherine
So you're telling me that pigs have been flying? - Alexander

I can get Yahoo to do it to me personally. - Alexander

I feel like a slacker. I have no idea what he's talking about. - Catherine

I have no sheep, just goats. - Tristram
... so I am not a tent. - Guillaume

I've been 'Rayned' in. - Tristram

Duck swimming happened this past week. - Solveig

Hi. You missed getting chewed out. - Solveig

Get out of my brain! - Allesaundra

It's a whole lot of fun. You get to do paper work. - Alexander

You guys breed really pushy broads down here. - Lady Elspeth McBrin, Artemesia

Call it the Glutton for Punishment Challenge. - Kenna

My baby took a bullet for me and didn't mean to. - Stephanie

Come play with me Iazzie. I'll keep you on your toes. - Charmone

It's like wearing a push up bra on my behind. - Joe

Your ears are unbalanced. - Gia

Put The Book Down! - Leon

I promised you Coupling! - Alexander

That wasn't innocence. That's Peer in the Headlights. - Will

It's French, but it feels Welsh. - Alexander

I was happy with them. They get to live. - Alexander

If they don't talk to the nuns, she should be okay. - Leon

Princess Leia in her later years. - Guilliame

I'm John of Vulpine Reach and chair breaker extraordinaire. - J of VR

I think my butt has formed a lasting relationship with this chair. - Karl

Easy with the veil. It makes me bleed. - Gia

And the Anglo-Saxon Rambo appears from the forest. - Liz

Rat Was Right! - Liz, Gia, Marthe Elsbeth

P.S.A. - Peer Safety Agency. - Leon

Don't frisk Will. He'll just like it. - Leon

Worst case of helium hand I've ever seen. SCA genetics strikes again. - Miklos

What Villiany! What Treachery! And they're just not nice. - Tobias

Good boy, go get huggy. - Brigid

It's a mustard pop. - Miklos

Alright. I'm awake. - Faelen

Could you wait while I get a lightning rod? - Karl

Oh ... silk. - Gregory

Yet understated. - Njall

That'll put hair on your teeth. - Swain

Custer had a plan. - Tristram

Sitting Bull's was better. - Leon

You're a one man wrecking crew. You could do it all by yourself. - Iazzy

There's no substitute for our Herald. - Jack

I learned an important lesson. I CAN'T DANCE! - Hank

Just don't whack it too hard. - Reynard

We're light fighters. We look good. We don't fight with tupperware. -Jack

Don't think I won't take the head shot to save my (butt)! - Brian

Fox hole is evidently Latin for water reserve. - Iazzie

This means that Chivalry is hard on the knees? - Jack (?)

I can't write and be Senechale at the same time. - Solveig

Just so you know, I was the girl who came to events looking for guys. - Solveig

Just for the record, I will always try to bring at least 3 minions with me. Please feel free to use them as you will. - Father Gregory

They've inherited their mother's passiveness. (flinch!) -Iazzie

I don't care who I piss off - bring 'em. - Roz

Shut up and kill people. - Serena

You'd snort pepper for a duchess? - overheard

Fritz has replaced me with a stick with nails in it. - Waylan

Wow! Your arm is so exciting. - Bella

Mom Tarts! Like Pop Tarts, only moms. - Catherine

Wait! My Scotch ... - Will

Now that we have celebrated alcohol in a Baptist church ... - Gwen

You are Not a Muppet. - Alexander

That's my job. Making money fun. - Gregory

Don't hit my arm or I'll cry. - Allesaundra

Thor's Mountain ... the musical. - Saher

Over Achiever. - Fritz

I can't get out of my head "CPR for horses." - Solveig