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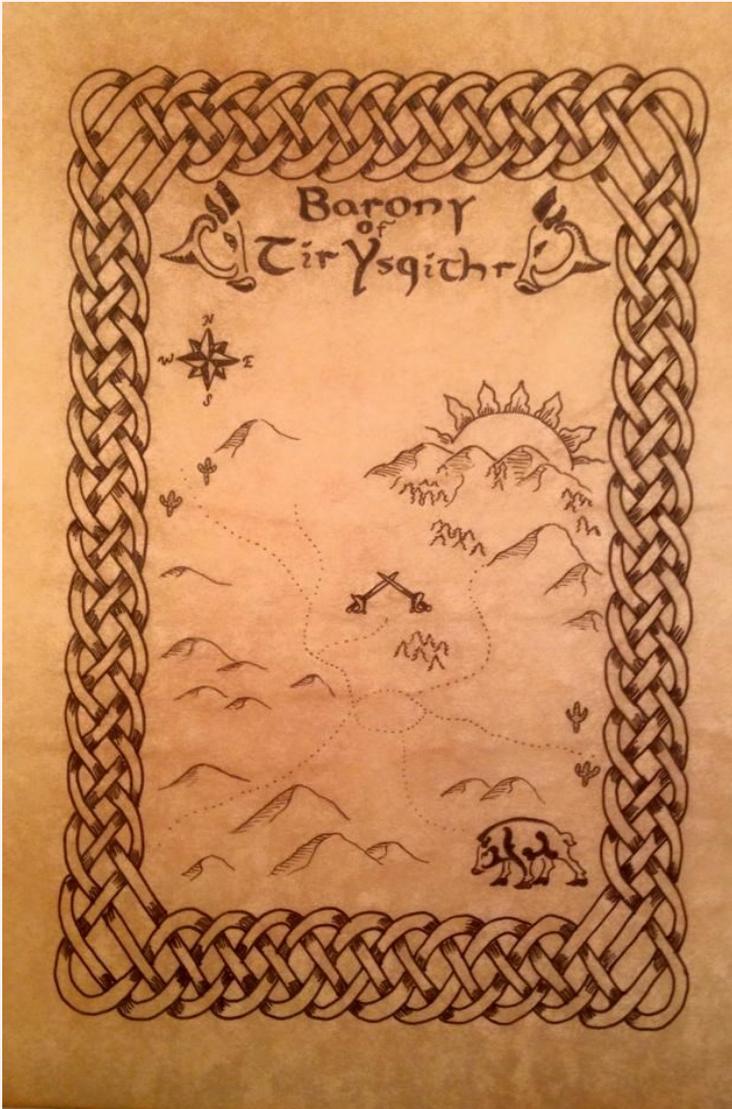


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New to the SCA?

The Society for Creative Anachronism is an international organization dedicated to researching and re-creating the arts and skills of pre-17th-century Europe. Our “Known World” consists of 20 kingdoms, with over 30,000 members residing in countries around the world. Members, dressed in clothing of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, attend events which feature tournaments, royal courts, feasts, dancing, various classes & workshops, and more.

How to Get Started

Getting Started in the SCA can be a little daunting— but it’s not as overwhelming as it seems! All you have to do is come out to an event or contact our local Chatelaine (chatelaine@btysca.org). The Chatelaine’s job is to help you navigate through the SCA! Remember, you are not required to dress up to show up to your first event! The Chatelaine has loaner garb until you can get your own, and if you join us at Fighter Practice or another event many helpful people will be there to welcome you and answer any questions!

More Information

For more information check out the Baronial Website, SCA Website, and the New Member’s Guide below. Hope to see you around!

Baronial Website: <http://www.btysca.org/>

SCA Website: <http://www.sca.org/>

New Member’s Guide: <http://www.sca.org/officers/chatelain/pdf/NewcomersGuidePages-hi.pdf>

From Their Excellencies



On Vacation!
Enjoy the start of Spring!

Baronial Announcements

Populace Meetings

April 13th 7pm

May 11th 7pm

Tucson City Council Ward 6

3202 E 1st St, Tucson, AZ 85716

At 7:00 PM

Populace Meetings are normally the second Wednesday of each month with occasional exceptions due to conflicting events or meeting location changes. We welcome all populace members to come to the monthly meetings to share ideas, discuss projects, plan events, and stay up to date on the happenings in the barony. If you have a desire to get more involved in the barony, but you aren't sure how to go about it, we encourage you to come and listen in to learn more about volunteering opportunities.

Court Night

Join us for Court at Gawd Awful Grail on April 10th at Himmel Park.

Yahoo Groups

Tir Ysgithr Email List

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TirYsgithr>

Rapier Email List

<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/tir-rapier>

Archery Email List

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TirYsgithrArchery>

Websites

Barony of Tir Ysgithr

(Tucson Chapter)

<http://www.btysca.org>

Kingdom of Atenveldt

(Arizona Chapter)

<http://www.atenveldt.org>

Society for Creative Anachronism Inc.

(Main)

<http://www.sca.org>

College of St. Felix

(UofA Chapter)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCA.CSF>

Wanted

Good Greetings Unto All to Whom these Letters Come:

We are now Seeking the Main and Site Event Steward for Southern Crusades XVIII for November 2016.

To that end, We are asking for Letters of Intent for the positions of Southern Crusades (18) Main Steward and Site Steward. We are looking for hardworking gentle lords and ladies who have the desire to run a large event from start to finish, learn new things, meet new people and to help make Southern Crusades the successful war event it has been for almost two decades.

Requirements:

- * Must be a paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism during the time you serve as Event or Site Steward.
- * Must have reliable electronic communication to include the internet, email and telephone access.
- * Must be willing to work with the Barons and Baronesses of Tir Ysgithr and Mons Tonitrus as well as the Seneschals of those respective baronies.
- * Must be able to present oneself in a professional manner to all vendors, SCA members and the general public in regard to the event.
- * Must be 18 years of age or older.
- * Must be deadline oriented and responsible for keeping all your event staff coordinators on schedule.
- * Must be willing to organize and lead a team of approximately 30 individuals to a successful event.
- * Must attend the war and remain on site from Wednesday, November 9, 2016 through Monday, November 14, 2016. :

If you are interested, please send a brief Letter of Intent to: monstonitrus@gmail.com, boarsheadbty@gmail.com, bmmtseneschal@gmail.com, seneschal@btysca.org :

Deadline for Letter of Intent is 15 March.

We would also ask that everyone start thinking about how you can help your Barony for Southern Crusades! In addition to a Main Steward and a Site Steward, there are plenty of other positions such as Volunteer Steward, Hospitality, Security shifts, and Special Events where you can make a difference.

Baron Sim of Tir Ysgithr
Baroness Magdalen of Tir Ysgithr

Baron Finnian of Mons Tonitrus
Baroness Brigit of Mons Tonitrus

Deputy Seneschal

Open until filled

The Seneschal's office is responsible for the day to day business of the Barony and monitoring adherence to SCA and mundane law. A deputy seneschal would be assigned to a particular set of tasks to assist the Seneschal in the duties of the office.

Some requirements are:

- A One Year (minimum) Warranted Position
- Must be at least 18 Years old
- Need to be a Responsible Individual
- Must have Internet Access and an email address
- Must be a paid Member of the Society for Creative Anachronism during your job tenure
- Attend monthly Officer Meetings

If interested, contact Their Excellencies at boarsheadbty@gmail.com and the Seneschal at

Baronial Exchequer

Open until filled

The Barony of Tir Ysgithr is looking for an individual to fill the office of Exchequer. The job entails:

- * Working directly with Their Excellencies, the Seneschal's office and event Autocrats to ensure that an event ends with a positive balance.
- * At Baronial events you will need to make sure that Troll is properly manned; be it you, a deputy, or a member of the populace designated by the autocrat and approved by the Financial Committee.
- * After events you will compile the event report and maintain the event worksheet
- * Provide a reconciled bank statement to the Baronial Seneschal and Kingdom

- * Do quarterly and annual financial reports to the Kingdom on the financial status of the Barony.
- * In even years, service as the Southern Crusades Front Gate Steward. These responsibilities include being at the event from start to finish, coordinating volunteers to work the front gate and schedule people with financial warrants to work each shift.
- * In odd years, services on the Southern Crusades Financial Committee

Some requirements are:

A One Year (minimum) Warranted Position

Must be at least 18 Years old

Need to be a Responsible Individual

Must have Internet Access and an email address

Must be a paid Member of the Society for Creative Anachronism during your job tenure

Attend monthly Officer Meetings

All members of the populace interested please contact Their Excellencies

at boarsheadbty@gmail.com, the Seneschal at seneschal@btysca.org, and the current Reeve, at btyreeve@gmail.com.

A & S Minister

Open until filled

We are in need for a good gentle lord or lady to fill the shoes of The Minister of Arts and Sciences (MoAS). The Baronial MoAS is responsible for:

- * Recruit, train, and maintain communication with a designated warranted Emergency Deputy.
- * Adhere to the reporting procedure issued by Atenveldt's Kingdom Minister Arts and Sciences and provide the Baronial Seneschal with a copy of said report.
- * Promote the historical accurate reproduction of pre-17th century arts and sciences through Arts and Sciences Competition, education, collegiate, publication, showcases, and demonstrations.
- * Ensure that the Baronial Arts and Sciences Competition occurs annually. Interpret and maintain the Baronial rules for the Arts and Sciences Competition. Be responsible for soliciting judges for the Arts and Sciences Competition and advising judges in competitions as to the fair judging format. Be responsible for advising the Baronial Coronets

of the fulfillment of the Baronial Champion's duties and responsibilities.

- * Be responsible for the content and accuracy of any baronial arts and science publication/article, issued by the baronial arts and science office, that appears in any official SCA, Inc. publication, i.e., baronial and kingdom newsletters and electronic communication.
- * Foster the creation and growth of guilds and other arts and sciences communities within the barony.
- * Be responsible for overseeing production, maintaining and accounting of the Baronial Arts and Sciences Regalia

Some requirements are:

Must be a Paid Member of the Society for Creative Anachronism during the job tenure

A One Year (minimum) Warranted Position

Be a good communicator and facilitator,

Be able to schedule A&S classes and run the administrative side of the Boaronial Arts and Sciences competition.

A working phone line, reliable internet and email access

Applicants need to be Deadline Oriented Individuals

Attend monthly Officer meetings

If interested, contact The Seneschal at seneschal@btysca.org, their Excellencies at boarsheadbty@gmail.com and the current A&S Minister at as@btysca.org

Chronicler

Open until filled

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the Barony but have trouble attending events regularly? Do you have great ideas for articles or the networking skills to coax articles from others? Or maybe you are able to work within a monthly deadline and wish to put your skills to use for your Barony. The Position of Chronicler is for you! The Barony is currently looking to fill the position of Chronicler to handle the production and distribution of the monthly newsletter, Tusker Times.

Some requirements are:

A working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher or the Adobe publishing program on order to create a useable hard-copy and online issue of the Tusker

A working phone line, reliable internet and email access

Applicants need to be Deadline Oriented Individuals

Applicants need to be Creative Individuals

Must be a Paid Member of the Society for Creative Anachronism during the job tenure

A One Year (minimum) Warranted Position

If interested, contact The Seneschal at seneschal@btysca.org, their Excellencies at boarsheadbty@gmail.com and the current Chronicler at Chronicler@btysca.org

Youth Combat Marshal

Open until filled

We are in need of youth combat marshal. This position requires you be authorized to fight in hardsuit combat and have an understanding of the youth combat rules. Weekly attendance at fighter practice in order to marshal the youth on the field and provide the loaner gear is highly encouraged.

Some requirements are:

Must be a Paid Member of the Society for Creative Anachronism during the job tenure

A One Year (minimum) Warranted Position

A working phone line, reliable internet and email access

Attend monthly Officer meetings

If interested, contact The Seneschal at seneschal@btysca.org and their Excellencies at boarsheadbty@gmail.com.

Deputy Youth Combat Marshal

Open until filled

We are in need of deputy youth combat marshals. These positions require that you be authorized to fight in hardsuit combat and have an understanding of the youth combat rules.

Some requirements are:

Must be a Paid Member of the Society for Creative Anachronism during the job tenure

A One Year (minimum) Warranted Position

A working phone line, reliable internet and email access

If interested, contact The Seneschal at seneschal@btysca.org and their Excellencies at boarsheadbty@gmail.com.

Children's Minister

Open until filled

This is a task for someone who is energetic, organized, creative and who enjoys being around kids of all ages. Requirements include assisting with the children's supply boxes and toys and helping to organize projects and classes for baronial events.

Some requirements are:

Must be a Paid Member of the Society for Creative Anachronism during the job tenure

A One Year (minimum) Warranted Position

A working phone line, reliable internet and email access

Attend monthly Officer meetings

If interested, contact The Seneschal at seneschal@btysca.org and their Excellencies at boarsheadbty@gmail.com.

Heavy Combat Marshal

Open until filled

Prerequisites: Authorized in heavy combat, know the rules of the list, weapon and armor standards, have a commitment to be at Duties of the Marshal: Reporting monthly to the Kingdom Marshal on activities in the Barony, working with new fighters and overseeing the loaner gear, setting up the combat fields at events/practice, authorizing fighters for combat and associated paperwork, inspecting fighters at tournaments and marshalling the combat at tournaments.

Some requirements are:

Must be a Paid Member of the Society for Creative Anachronism during the job tenure

A One Year (minimum) Warranted Position

A working phone line, reliable internet and email access

Attend monthly Officer meetings

If interested, contact The Seneschal at seneschal@btysca.org, their Excellencies at boarsheadbty@gmail.com and the current Heavy Combat Marshal at marshal@btysca.org.

Upcoming Events

Gawd Awful Grail

Sunday, April 10, 2016 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Good gentles, avert your eyes! We once again find ourselves in need of a “champion” to “guard” the Gawd Awful Grail. There will be tournaments for unbelted armored combat fighters, rapier, and youth. The brave soul that proves triumphant in their chosen fighting style will be tasked with the great burden... er, honor of housing the respective gawd awful vessel for the next year.

The Gawd Awful Grail has a storied history in Tir Ysgithr. But much like any other origin story, every culture has their own version. The Greeks have their own ideas (as they often do...) on how the Grail came to be. The populace is invited to dress in the Greek theme, but all period garb styles are welcome.

And if you’re looking for some Gawd Awful Arts, look no further than the Gawd Awful Vessel competition. No documentation needed, period materials not required. Work in any medium you choose (glass is not the only option!). Judging will be done by Populace Choice (counters and cups will be available).

Should a tie need to be broken, the winner will be chosen from the tied entries by Their Excellencies. Court will be at Their Excellencies’ discretion.

Site Fee:

\$5 for adults with member discount, \$10 for non-member adults, \$1 for children

Location:

Himmel Park, (NE corner), 1035 N. Treat Ave, Tucson Please do not drive on the grass during set up and tear down. There is shade and water on site. The site is discreetly wet, smoking is allowed but please be mindful of litter, and pets are welcome, but must be leashed and picked up after. There is playground equipment nearby where parents may take their children.

Autocrats:

Celestina Winterborne (Rachel McAllister), phone: 520-260-2506 no calls after 9:00pm.
alithium@gmail.com & Zoe of Alexandria (Jasmine Hungerford). Phone: 520-307-4086 no
calls after 9:00pm harleyquinn520@yahoo.com.

Directions:

From the north, take I-10 to Speedway exit, proceed east and turn right at Treat Ave. One
block past Tucson Blvd.

From the south, take I-10 to Alvernon exit, proceed north, and turn left on Speedway, then
proceed west and turn left at Treat Ave., past Country Club.

The park is one block south of Speedway, just past the library. Parking is available on the
street or in the parking lot to the west of the library.

Barony of Tir Ysgithr's Boast & Toast

July 16th, 2016

Whitetail Loop, Sites 4 & 5

Mt. Lemon

The Boast and Toast is an event where members of the populace must work together in crews to win
the acclaim of the day by showing their prowess of their applicable trades. Those trades include but
are not limited to brewing, baking, cheese making, culinary, oratory, swashbuckling, and pageantry.

- Crew registration will be open in March and due by April 3rd. Individuals will still be required
to register. Crews may represent a household, a barony, or a just a motley crew of friends with
a cool badge.
- Each registered crew will be given a 10x10 area fronted by a 8-foot table to serve samples of
their culinary and consumable delights. The number of crew members and the number of food
and beverage items is only limited by what you can serve across the provided table. Be pre-
pared to serve 1-3 ounce portions to 80 of your closest friends. The peak of perfection for food
samples to be served at a designated hour.

- Crews may request a grill and electricity and will have access to water.
- Crews are encouraged start boasting early and share what they are planning to build excitement and incite rivalry.
- This is a day event, however, registered crews and royalty may opt to camp the night before the event and use the morning hours to prepare. Camping the night after the event will be open to the rest of the populace. Room is only available for modern tents.
- Crew members are encouraged to take shifts to sample the wares of others.
- Crew members are encouraged to bend the ears of their patrons and share their expertise and experience.
- Crews are encouraged to enlist a bard to participate in the toasting competition and a fighter to represent them on the field.
- Crews are encouraged to decorate their area and dress themselves to support their exposition of prowess giving you opportunity to include more artisans.
- Crews may bring their own ballot box. It must have a footprint of no more than 12x12 inches and accept tokens up to 2 inches in diameter.
- Parking is limited and carpooling will be required for a parking permit. Pre-registration will first open to crew participants in May and last until the last parking space is sold.

This is a premier event that will enable you to inspire through sample and example. Show the rest of us your passion, what you can do, and what it looks like when we show our colors.

Combat

Fighter Practice

Tuesdays 7pm-10pm

Armored Combat

Baronial fighter practice held every Tuesday at the SW corner of Reid Park near the intersection of 22nd and Country Club.

Loaner armor available for hard suit and rapier, however you must provide your own cup. In addition:

Rapier

Swashbuckling! Feats of Finesse! Deeds of Steel! Every Tuesday at the Tir Ysgithr Fighter Practice take a turn and try your hand at SCA Rapier fighting alongside the skilled men and women of the sword!

Fight with real steel blades! Learn to fight from real Period Manuals and Masters!

Fight alongside friends in games and melee competitions nearly every week!

Prepare for war!

Dress to impress!

Loaner gear is always available, teachers are always looking for new students!

You're never too old or too young to take up the sword!

Archery

April 2nd, 16th and 30th 9am-Noon

May 14th, 21st, and 28th 9am-Noon

Archery Practice held at PSE Archery, 2727 North Fairview Ave. Loaner equipment available \$5 range fee to shoot, children are welcome but must be supervised. Informal Archery Practices are held on the first and third Mondays at PSE at 5:00pm.



Detail of an owl in a decorative border; from a description of the Holy Land by Martin de Brion of Paris, France, 1540, Royal MS 20 A. iv, f. 3v

Arts and Sciences

Baronial A&S

The Necessary Arts and Sciences Night

New location, extended hours and a new format!

The Necessary Arts and Sciences are still being held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, with extended hours from 6 PM-9PM.

The new location is: the Ward 2 City Council building, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85710 (between Kolb Road and North Pantanto Road, off of Fremming Ave).

New format: If you are anything like me when working on your arts or science project, a regularly scheduled night (not to mention the comradery) is just the formula needed to get the project underway or completed. If you have newly joined our group, this night was tailored for you.

Four functional workstations will be at your disposal. They are: Arms & Armor (repair), Clothing/Accessories, Textile/Needlework, and Decorative/Fine Arts. Needed tools and/or equipment will be available at each work station as well as an instructor to assist. You will need to provide your own materials (or equipment that is solely for your use, i.e., a loom).

In addition, we will also offer an A&S class beginning at 7 PM. Classes will be announced each month on the Book of Faces and Yahoo groups.

If you wish to teach a class, serve as a work station instructor, or have any questions/ comments please contact:

Viscountess Victoria, A&S Emergency Deputy, Far Speaker & text at (520) 400-0078, Email Viscvictoria@aol.com, or the Book of Faces, Barony of Tir Ysgithr.

A&S Competition

Their Excellencies have heard the voice of their populace concerning the Tir Ysgithr's Boar-onial Invitational Arts and Science Competition. To better align the competition to the populace's needs and wishes, changes have been made. The unveiling will occur at the Necessary Arts and Sciences Night, Wednesday, April 27th, beginning at 7 PM. The location is; 7575 E. Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85710, at the City Council building, Ward 2 (see article in this month's Tusker Times). Comments, questions and discussions are most welcome!

For those unable to attend, a repeat class will be offered at the Arts and Sciences in the Park, on Tuesday, May 3rd at Fighter Practice.

Viscountess Victoria, Emergency A&S

Deputy

Arts in the Park!

April 5th 7pm-10pm

At Fighter Practice- Reid Park

Bring your projects, completed or not, to display or work on. Teach folks about your arts/sciences or learn new ones! Lord Quil-

Scriptorium

April 7th and 21st 7-9pm

Tucson City Council Ward 2

7575 E Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85710

March 16th 7-9pm

Spend the night learning the skills of scribing and illumination! If you are new, our scribes will teach you, if you have been out before, come on back and join us! Also - We are in search of a name for our Baronial scriptorium group. We need your ideas!

Send your name ideas to

boarsheadbty@gmail.com

Heraldry Hut

April 15th

7:30pm

Contact Mistress Marta for more information at (520) 881-9492,
bagbaazai@nexiliscom.com

Cottage A&S

Fun and Causal Bardic Circle

April 29th 8:00pm

1823 North 3rd Avenue, Tucson 85705

(Nial and Quillon's house) Join us around the fire for a night of merriment and music, food and friends! Some food and drink will be provided—feel free to bring some to share! Site is wet.

The Cooks Guild

April 27th

7:30pm

The Cooks Guild is a gathering of those interested in period cooking and recipes.

Each month, a different food theme is chosen and participants are encouraged to prepare and bring a dish following the theme to share. Cooks Guild meets the fourth Wednesday of every month, starting at 7:30 p.m. Site changes monthly. Contact: HE Baroness Marta as tu Mika-Mysliwy, O.L., Pel., bagbaazai@nexiliscom.com, (520) 881-9492

The College of St. Felix



The College of St. Felix holds meetings, fighter practice, and A&S nights, including scribal, every week* and NEVER RAINS OUT!

Who: *Practice is open to students at UA or Pima AND all members and visitors to the Barony*

Members of the BTY populous are encouraged to attend, fight, teach, or simply utilize the space available for A&S.

When: Thursdays from 7:00 pm -10:00 pm*

*When UA is in session (8/24-11/20, 12/3, 1/13-3/10, 3/21-4/28)

Where: Fighters: 1224 E. Lowell St (Highland Bowl)

Arts & Sciences: 1041 E. Lowell St

There is free parking south of sixth and paid parking in the garage on 6th.

The college is always looking for those brave gentles willing to teach anything of interest to us on Thursday nights! Contact the seneschal at scacollegeofstfelix@gmail.com to offer your help to the future of the SCA. Your class/demo can be of any length less than 3 hours and on nearly any topic! Come share your enthusiasm!

Officers:

Seneschal: Lady Arria Silvana – scacollegeofstfelix@gmail.com

Deputy Seneschal: M’Lord Dalton – collegeofstfelix_deputyseneschal@yahoo.com

Exchequer: M’Lady Zoë – exchequer.collegeofstfelix@gmail.com

Chatelaine: M’Lady Hannah – thecollegeofstfelixchatelaine@gmail.com

Marshal: Lady Sigrid -- Becker.samlauren@gmail.com

Advisor: HE Sir Zhigmin’ Czypsser (Zippy) – csfadvisor@gmail.com

Bacon Bits

Tidbits about Tir Ysgithr's History!

Did you know that On May 21, 1987, the then Seneschal for the Kingdom of Atenveldt, Lady Kiara Morkstjarna, denied a request that a Canton be created *within* the Barony of Tir Ysgithr? The petition was denied because it lacked any "specific geographical area". As an option, the petitioner was to consider forming a guild or Household instead.

The Bacon Bits facts have been provided by Vicountess Victoria of the Vales of Barnsdale, O.L., O.P. They have been taken from substantiated print such as old officers reports and missives, modern world newspapers, and past Kingdom and Baronial newsletters.



Harley MS 4399 f. 22r

Time Enough

By Osric Maximillian Vom Schwarzwald

Greetings Tir Ysgthir! I, Osric Maximillian Vom Schwarzwald, bid you a hearty good day. Mine has been restful and recuperative after a pleasant, very late night amongst friends.

Why do I find this notable? A year ago this time I was barely able to walk 100 yards before I had to sit down. My health was obviously in a critical state, and it had been sliding downhill since May of 2014.

When I finally had health insurance in the middle of February I saw a doctor, who ordered a full blood panel. This came back as very anemic. Also, enzyme testing showed that sometime in the last 4 months I had probably experienced a "cardiac episode." This prompted my Doctor to consider getting an MRI done.

Good thing we did.

I had a pulmonary embolism in the lower right lung lobe, and about the size of a nickel. It was obvious to all that sooner then later it was going to be a serious danger, so treatment started in the hospital proper on April 28th, one day after my 46th birthday. Wikipedia has a great summation of the causes and dangers of pulmonary embolisms.

After a week of intravenous Heparin (blood thinner) administration, 2 pints of blood, and the commencement of Warfarin treatment, a potent blood thinner which in high concentrations can cause significant problems, I was released on May 4th. Again, there is a great entry for Warfarin in Wikipedia.

Then the hard part began.

Due to the Warfarin, hard suit fighting, for a while, was out. I decided that staying away from fighting altogether was not the solution. I had too much time and effort invested in it. I felt confident that if I stayed in the routine of going to practices, observing, and putting in pell time, I could come back to the sport.

It was difficult to do, those of you who fight and have had long term injuries know that being on the sideline whilst others do so is very frustrating. I had a lot of encouragement for this endeavor, from non-fealty fighters up to Dukes.

Pell practice helped keep my form from deteriorating completely. The gym was still off limits, so I did a lot of walking, which helped keep the weight gain from not being able to do hard exercise from getting out of hand. Since I had now plenty of time, I spent some of it researching how to further my appearance on the field and off. Highly recommend Osprey books for that.

I was also able to locate some Society members with much greater skill at improving appearance than what I possessed.

I also took the chance to make the mental adjustment to how I was going to fight in the future. Different shield, different philosophy, different attitude. Much more pre-practice preparation and thinking. Stretch focused yoga is great for that.

Had time to make some lifestyle adjustments. I have not been to McDonalds, Burger King, Jack in the Box, or Wendy's since May. Compared to past behavior, this is significant.

Researched fitness routines and weight regimens for people in my situation. There is quite a bit more out there than I was expecting.

Most importantly, and it sounds somewhat trite, I still had things to do, both in the Society and in my mundane life. Number one was my Dad had already lost his wife 3 years before, I was going to be damned if he lost his oldest son. Second was the above mentioned time and effort. I was not ready to give up on a hope and dream.

That thought in particular kept me as active as I could be in the Society, even when I got tired of telling people that I was unable to fight yet. Most, and by that I mean about 95%, understood completely; there was always some who thought that, given an easy excuse to do so, I was just easing into retirement. I was able to translate the annoyance I felt at such thoughts into further motivation.

In November my doctor approved me for light exercise. I of course took this to mean half speed, half power fighting. Two weeks of it showed how silly that thought was, and I went back to observation and commentary.

Luckily, there were no further complications, and finally, on December 11th, I was released, under my own recognizance, back to full activity. The Warfarin treatment was immediately stopped. I could fight again!

The first fighting I got to do was the next day at Deed of Swords, and did well enough to not have any immediate sturm und drang about the path still ahead of me. Thank you to all who were at that event for your hearty welcome back!

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Last year was a time of reflection and planning for me. While at practice people still talked to me, still listened when I had something to say, and that certainly helped. All provided inspiration, all were listened to, and all made a difference. It also was beneficial to have a set time goal in mind for a return (the end of the year). And finally, I cannot underemphasize the importance of having a significant progress checkpoint to continue pursuing in my Societal Journey, both while waiting for clearance and then being cleared.

I thank all those who have helped this last year.

I will see you on the field.



Miniature of a bloody battle taking place on the bridge of a castle.

France, N. (Saint-Omer or Tournai)

Barony of Tir Ysgithr

Baron and Baroness

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April Events

Archery Practice	2 nd	Archery Practice	16 th
Fighter Practice.....	5 th	Fighter Practice	19 th
Scriptorium.....	7 th	Scriptorium	20 th
St. Felix Fighter Practice	7 th	St. Felix Fighter Practice.....	21 st
Gawd Awful Grail	10 th	Fighter Practice	26 th
Fighter Practice.....	12 th	Necessary Arts	27 th
Populace Meeting	13 th	Cooks Guild	27 th
St. Felix Fighter Practice	14 th	St. Felix Fighter Practice.....	28 th
Heraldry Hut.....	15 th	Archery Practice.....	30 th

May Events

Fighter Practice.....	3 rd	Scriptorium	18 th
Arts in the Park.....	3 rd	Heraldry Hut	20 th
Scriptorium.....	5 th	Archery Practice.....	21 st
Fighter Practice.....	10 th	Fighter Practice (Court Night).....	24 th
Populace Meeting	11 th	Cooks Guild	25 th
Archery Practice	14 th	Necessary Arts	25 th
Fighter Practice.....	17 th	Archery Practice.....	28 th
		Fighter Practice	31 st

June Events

Scriptorium.....	2 nd	Heraldry Hut	17 th
Fighter Practice.....	7 th	Archery Practice.....	21 st
Populace Meeting	8 th	Fighter Practice	24 th
Archery Practice	11 th	Cooks Guild.....	22 nd
Fighter Practice.....	14 th	Necessary Arts	22 nd
Scriptorium.....	15 th	Archery Practice.....	25 th
		Fighter Practice	28 th