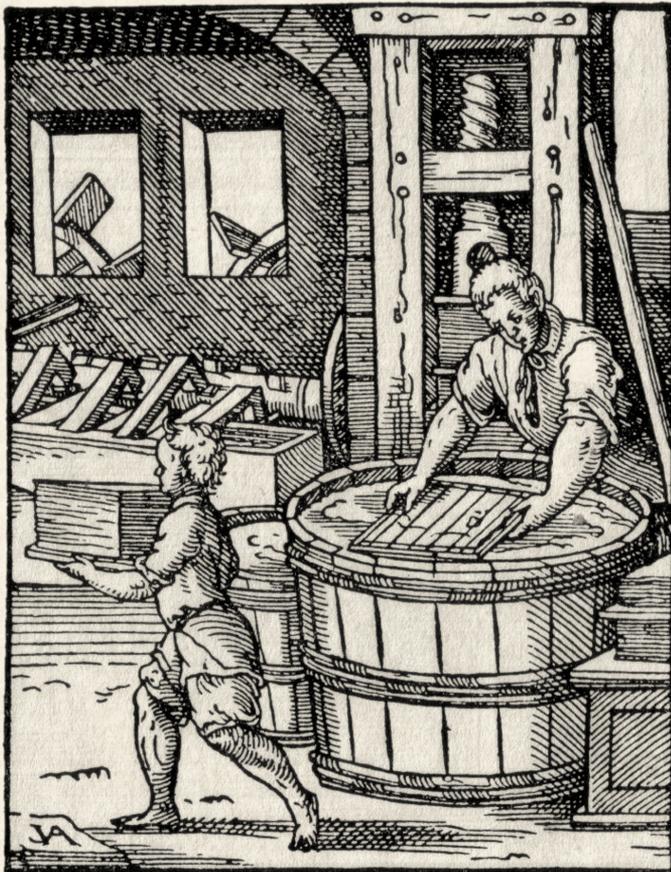




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EXCHEQUER

To all and singular, greetings.

As the exchequer for the canton, herein is what you may wish to know. I will attempt to keep this brief, yet insightful. It is my goal to remain transparent in support of our group and society. Please feel free to approach me if you have questions or ideas.



First of all, the obligatory missive of “we have money”. As a group, I believe we have the funds to handle an event with poor attendance. We have Áine Tállíúir to thank for this, providing event space at no cost for our “Unslung Heroes” events. Also, your supporting donations of time and money have ensured the financial future of Aston Tor. For that, thank you. A huge dept of gratitude also goes to Dave and Kate Archer for their donation to support the “Tor Port” project.

Second, we have adapted well to changes in financial policies as directed by kingdom. This includes, but is not limited to, timely reporting, an official financial policy, budgeting, and closer oversight of financial matters.

Third, as we march in confidence into A.S. 54, there are some tasks in front of us as a group. This is your invitation to participate. The shade fly “Tor Port” project has a deadline for our “Unslung Heroes” event. Speaking of, it is time to begin plans for our annual archery event, including setting site fee and amenities. Also, with a new kingdom exchequer, I would predict in changes of policy and/or enforcement of policies. I will do my best to communicate them as they arise.

Finally, it is important that I have a deputy. This is a familiar story if you have been active in the SCA for long, but the advantage of it is I am only 6 months into my warrant, so the pressure is off to step up as an officer for quite some time. Further, I’m still adapting and learning to implement corporate and kingdom polices, so I am quite happy to be patient and supportive.

I hope this message finds you in good health and mind. If you have any questions or commentary, please let me know.

YIS,
Gerald Kendall

CHRONICLER

Greetings!

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome my family and I have received since joining the Canton. My family’s first exploration into this fantastic world came at Lilies War this past year. Since then we have had the privilege of attending Feast of Eagles, Masters of the Duel, Tournament of Horse and Falcons, King’s Companie of Archers, Kris Kinder, as well as several regular meetings both in our fine Canton and our beloved Barony. This is a long way of saying that when we dove into Calontir we were thrilled to find so many kind and caring hands ready to catch us.

I had taken note that Aston Tor lacked a newsletter. Unrelated to the Society I had begun to learn how to layout print books and I saw in this post a chance to hone my craft further. While I am new to this position I hope to learn, grow, and produce a newsletter we can all be proud to call our own.



OFFICER MISSIVES

You are witnessing my first attempt at reviving The Retort. While this first issue is sparse on content I hope that as it becomes established it will expand it's offerings. I have plans to archive any old issues I acquire and possibly reprint highlights of Retort's past.

Again, thank you all for being so wonderful to a family of newcomers. I look forward to learning and growing along with all of you for years to come.

Thine Verily,

Zygmunt Gdański



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

BARONESS

ROWAN DEL WICHE

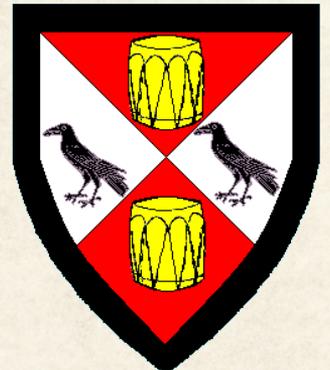
Forgotten Sea won the bid for the 2019 Fall Crown Tournament. It will be at the Lily's site from October 11th-14th. HE Duncan Bruce of Logan will be the autocrat. We will be utilizing the Grand Pavilion for this event. This will also test to see if Lily's would work as a fall event instead.



BARON

SØREN ATTE RAVEN

The Baron called for a vote on the design of the Tor Port and the "BC"/Bedouin style (pic) won. Also, we need someone to be the autocrat for Unslung Heroes next year, to be held May 4th-5th. When Aine moves her location will not be available for events so suggestions for other possible locations are wanted.



MINISTER OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

HL LOSAIR ELLEN NIC TAILLEAR

HL Lasair has the canvas for the new Tor Port in her studio. If anybody is interested in doing any Arts and Sciences at events, please let her know.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

CHATELAINE

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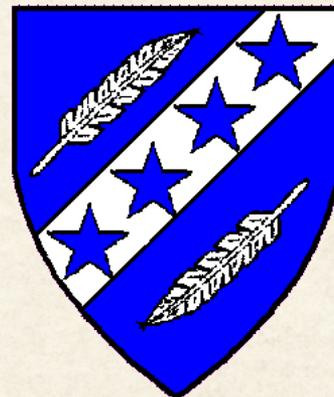
Some ideas for demos are participating in the Union Station Maker Faire (which Her Excellency seems to recall being quite successful in the past, but sometimes conflicts with Kingdom events). Sechen has contacted the Nelson Atkins Museum about possibly doing a walk-through demo in garb with crafts and more; she is awaiting a response. She has also contacted the Renaissance Festival people about renting out their site, which she has been told can be done. She has asked further about capacity for guests, how much it would cost, etc. and is waiting to hear back. She is interested in any ideas the populace may have as well, so if you have any please reach out to her.



EXCHEQUER

HL GERALD KENDALL

The Tor account has over \$5000 in it, so we are doing pretty good. We continue to get better at compliance, for example by turning in Monthly Account and Reconciliation Registers. The current signatories on the account are Lady Diana, HL Aine, HL Kendall, and Lady Aelin. In regards to the budget, our only expected expenses are rent for the church space and the Tor party.



FIGHTER MARSHALL

HL JANOS KATONA

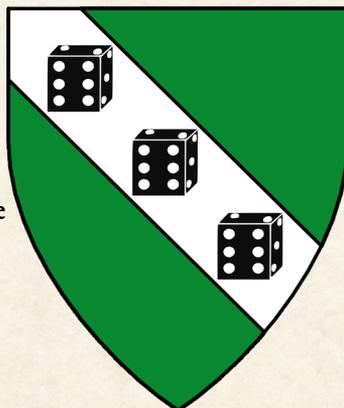
Fighter practice during off-weeks is officially on hold for the season. Lord Janos remains ready to practice during meetings should anyone be interested. The Barony Archery practice at Master Leif's has been moved indoors for the season.



CHRONICLER

ZYGMUNT GDANŃSKI

Zygmunt has received most everyone's Officer Information Release forms. He is requesting Model Releases from the Populace. If you were not in attendance you may find electronic copies on the Aston Tor website.



POPULACE

Lord Shane is making on building wooden boxes for Tor Tuesday. He is always collecting more items with which to fill the boxes as well.

The Canton could use items for the Gold Key. We have plenty of small clothes, but not much for larger men and women, as well as belts and laces. Lady Aelin has offered to help by making some lucet cord.

WEBMINISTER (DEPUTY)

UMM TURAB Zulaykha

Zulaykha will be trying to take notes at all meetings and get them put up online so that those who were not able to attend will not be out of the loop. If there is anything specific anyone would like to see, please let her know!

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

ASTON TOR POPULACE MEETING

& FIGHTER PRACTICE

Populace meetings are open to everyone. Fighters are often present for training as well as others practicing their chosen arts. Heralds are usually available for consultation on your SCA persona's name or heraldic device.



Second and Fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Walnut Gardens Community of Christ
19201 E RD Mize Road
Independence, MO 64057

BARONIAL POPULACE MEETING

& FIGHTER PRACTICE

Practice includes fighters from both the armored combat and cut & thrust disciplines.



New fighters, please contact the marshalls twenty-four hours in advance so they can bring loaner armor for you to fight in. You must provide your own knee pads and groin protection.

Wednesdays Weekly at 6:30 p.m.
Irene B. French Community Center
5701 Merriam Dr,
Merriam, KS 66203

BARONIAL CURIA MEETING

Curia Meetings are for the officers of Forgotten Sea to discuss the business of the Barony. It is also open to all the populace of the Barony.

Second Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 p.m.
Irene B. French Community Center
5701 Merriam Dr,
Merriam, KS 66203



BARONIAL ARCHERY PRACTICE

Everyone is invited, whether you want to shoot, throw weapons, or just hang out!

Monday nights starting at 6:30 p.m.
Kearny, MO
Email lbh-archery@bfs-kc.org
for directions





ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

JANUARY EVENTS

5th-6th

Twelfth Night

Lonely Tower (Omaha, NE)

King & Queen Attending

12th-13th

Winter Coronation

Vatavia (Wichita, KS)

King, Queen, Prince, & Princess Attending

26th-27th

Winter War Maneuvers

Mag Mor (Lincoln, NE)

King & Queen Attending

FEBRUARY EVENTS

2nd-3rd

Clothier's Seminar

Cum an Iolar (South Johnson County, KS)

Queen Attending

9th-10th

Queen's Prize Tournament

King & Queen Attending

23rd-24th

Chieftains

Three Rivers (St. Louis, MO)

King & Queen Attending

MARCH EVENTS

9th-10th

Gulf Wars

Gleann Abhann (Lumberton, MS)

King & Queen Attending



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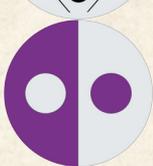
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