

The Blade



Jester

April 2010

Missive from the Crown

Good Day Galandor,

We will keep this missive very short as We are deep in Our preparations for Banner War. We would like to congratulate Squire Antinious on becoming the new Defender of Galandor, the accolade was well earned and is well deserved. There are several events on the calendar for this month, We would encourage all those who can to attend, the more people, the merrier the event. We would also like to point out that the submitted agenda for the Kingdom Estates meeting has been posted, if you have comments please let the vote holders know of your opinion.

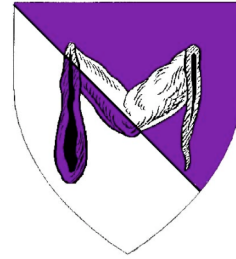
Gaelen

Anne

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Calendar of Events

April

- 10th – Feast of Fools (Solaris)
Squire Antinious Darkfyre
- 11th – Feat of Arms (Northwatch)
Prince Sir Robert Sanguin
- 17th – Obnoxious Revel (Solaris)
Marchioness Dame Mynwyn verch Gruffydd and Lady
Dame Lark Evintorianalaxisabalandi
- 24th – Solaris Fight Night (Solaris)
Marchioness Dame Mynwyn verch Gruffydd

May

- 2nd – Arts and Armour Day (Solaris)
Marchioness Dame Mynwyn verch Gruffydd
- 28th-31st – Banner War (Flagstaff)
TRM Gaelen and Anne



Events

April 10th - Feast of Fools

Greetings Populace!

I Antinious, would like to announce the Feast of Fools which I am hosting this coming April. The feast will be held on the first Saturday of the month, which is the 10th. In addition, this event has been selected as Sir Kheldar's choice for his combat knighting ceremony. The event will be held at the Summerset Village clubhouse in Tempe. Both the theme and menu will be based off of the event's namesake. Site fee for this event will be 12 crowns and 8 crowns for our friends from distant lands.

All appropriate homemade dishes will be accepted for those wishing to include their additions to this time of laughter and enjoyment. As always, volunteers are greatly appreciated for assistance with cooking and serving.

The menu will be as following:

Assorted cheese and bread will be in healthy supply. After opening court, a Spring mix salad with vinaigrette will be served along with cock a liki soup. At this point the floor will open up to any and all participants who have prepared jokes, riddles, humorous stories, and any other offerings they would care to share. The main course will consist of a grand roast served with assorted vegetables. Following this, short cakes will be served as dessert, which we will then proceed to closing court.

Directions are as follows, thank you to Cyrus for the detailed directions.

Summerset Village Club House
5038 S Hardy Dr, Tempe, Az

Directions from Altiora:

Take the I-10 towards Phoenix. Exit East on US 60. Exit at Baseline and turn right. Turn left onto Hardy, about a mile and a half. Turn an immediate left past the gates into Somerset Village Apts. The Clubhouse is directly in front of you. Park in any un-covered spot.

I hope you all have a wonderful time, please don't hesitate to contact me at 602 748 7966 with any questions.

Thank you for your time,

Squire Antinious Darkfyre

April 11th - Feat of Arms Tourney

After two straight years of western martial art study, Northwatch is prepared to pit one master against another. On April 11th, Northwatch will be hosting an open form Feat of Arms Tourney. This will be a shinai tourney, where participants will choose and declare the style they will portray. Be prepared to test your form against a variety of others. Winner will be determined by most blows landed, in a round-robin, single bout form. Good luck, and good fighting.



Site: Good Shepherd
Fee: Free
Time: 3pm

Le Chevalier Robert Sanguin, Prince de Northwatch

April 17th - Obnoxious Revel

The time has come once again to celebrate the absurd. We shall have fun events in all fighting forms as well as the ever-popular silly string melee. We do promise to have no endurance fights this time, though. As usual there will be prizes for the most obnoxious garb, the best death, the most obnoxious arts as well as the coveted Screwball of Galandor award.

Obnoxious will be held at Kiwanis Park at the original fighter practice spot. Site will open at 9:30 with court and festivities to follow. Site fee will be \$3 and will include a light lunch. Hope to see you there.



Marchioness Dame Mynwyn verch Gruffydd
Lady Dame Lark Evintorianalaxisabalandi

May 28th-31st - Banner War

Come one and all to the annual gathering that is Banner War! There will be much fighting and fun as the two kingdoms of Galandor and Vega meet to combat and revel at the traditional location in the Northern areas of Galandor's main demesne.

During the weekend we will be "recreating" (with a bit of artistic license) three periods of Irish warfare. The steel combat will be based on the Battle of Clontarf, fought on Good Friday, 1014. In this battle the Irish High King Brian Boru fought to prevent the further invasion of Vikings into Ireland. Will the Irish prevail or will the barbaric Vikings take the day?

The shinai combat will reach even deeper into the depths of Irish history, to the time before the invaders; where clans pitted themselves against each other for the prizes of property and prestige. This will be an extended battle fought over a large open field with the goal of capturing the opposing "clan's" fortified keep as the paramount objective. Only those who would devise the best strategy have a hope to win the field.

For the rapier combat we will be jumping ahead in time to the Elizabethan Era, where the English led by the dashing Robert Devereux, 2nd Earl of Essex, tried to bring the unruly Irish under its control. These battles will pit first one side and then the other, against a gauntlet that could be likened to what the Earl himself faced as he marched northwards through Ireland. Will either side have any soldiers left at the end of the day?

On Sunday morning we will be hosting a combat and arts faire. The Crowns of Galandor will provide a light repast of breads, fruits, and breakfast drinks to welcome you. Those who wish to make wares for trade are welcome to set-up a shop. There will also be craft demonstrations, combat technique classes, and a list area for those who wish to hone their martial skills further.

Of course this is but a mere sampling of the fun that will be had at this year's Banner War. There will of course be revelry, gaming, courts, and an arts tournament to fill the days and evenings. It will be an event not to be missed.

TRM Gaelen and Anne



Announcements

Banner War Competition

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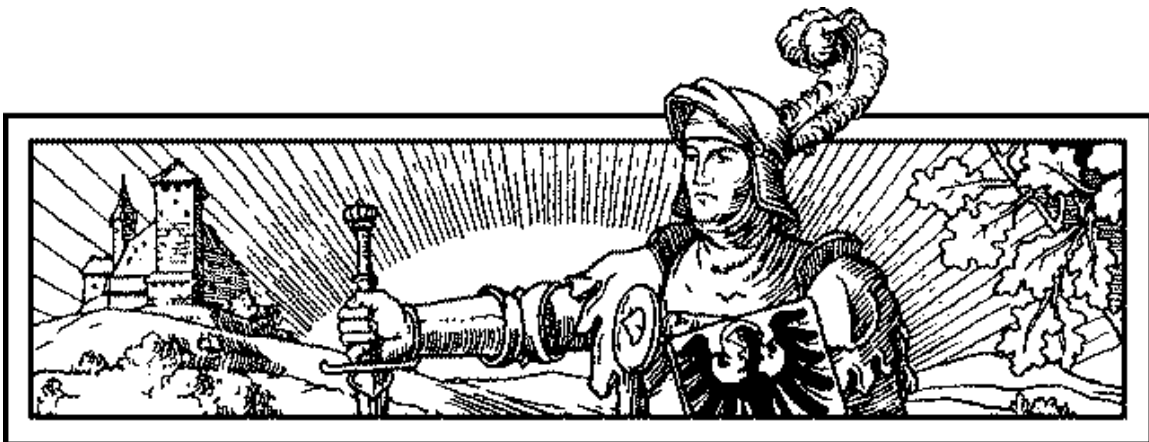
Remember Banner War 2009? Remember how spiffy Semag Hall's encampment looked, with all of those cool banners? Remember how Semag Hall won the banner competition? Well, **your** chance for glory is coming!

We have a new war coming, with a new banner competition. Same rules as last year, **except** that I am extending the competition to orders. Just in case you need reminding, this is how it goes:

The rules are simple- each household/order is eligible for competition, as long as they display a house/order banner. I will then count up how many personal banners that house displays, and figure out the percentage of banners per actual members. Remember that the grace period will still be in effect, so anyone who was a member in 2009-2010 will count. These need to be banners large enough to be seen from a distance- not rope pennants. Also, I'm not accepting paper, so don't even think about it. (Have some pride.) Multiples of the same device still count as only one. As many members of the various orders of the Empire are also members of households, their banners can count for both. Any disputes will be resolved by the Queen Fleur of Arms (me).

The prize will be not only bragging rights for the entire year, but also cobbler.

In service to the dream,
Lady Dame Lorelei von Bremerhaven
Queen Fleur of Arms



Herald Letter

Greetings Populace,

The new Defender of Galandor has been chosen, Squire Antinious Darkfyre.

As a reminder, all Court Herald's are to send me any business of note that happened at courts and/or events. The business I need to get includes but is not limited to:

Title Changes

Awards Granted

Estates formed/ Members change/ Rulership changes

Important Announcements

Pretty much anything that needs to be documented or the Kingdom let known. Please send everything to me at herald@ecs-galandor.org

Thank you.

In Service,
Baron Sir Gerrit Kendel
Royal Herald



Herald Letter

Because of my complete inability to read a calendar, this month's Arts and Armouring Day (scheduled for Easter) has been canceled. Bring your projects for Banner War to next month's Day to have time and advice to work on all your arts and get your armour in order for Banner War.

I also have to congratulate our very own Squire Antinious Darkfyre on being appointed as the Defender of Galandor for the next year. Huzzah and good luck!

Don't forget to attend Obnoxious this year (shameless plug). See you there.

Marchioness Dame Mynwyn verch Gruffydd

Meeting of the Estates General of Galandor

5/28/2010 (Subject to change at Banner War)

Roll Call:

Landed:

Crown of Galandor
Crown of Northwatch
Seat of Altiora
Seat of Solaris
Lord of Stormdragon
Lady of Semag Hall
Lady of Peregrine
Steward of Peregrine
Lady of House Northwatch
Steward of House Northwatch

Personal:

HRM Gaelen O'Flaharty
Prince Sir Robert Sanguin
Princess Dame Mina LaVigne
Graf Sir Adon von Hesser
Viscountess Dame Rune Evintorianalaxisabalandi
Viscount Sir Reinhardt von Konrad
Viscountess Dame Ewhaz Braggisdotti
Lord Sir Richard "Rabbit" Kirk

Officer Reports:

Herald
Arts and Sciences
Combat
Rolls
Sovereign of Arms
Exchequer
Hospitler
Chronicler
Web Minister
Secretary
Regalia

Mundane Officers (Kingdom Bank Account):

President- Dave Reines
Secretary- Chris Stuckey
Treasurer- Nancy Ray

Old Business:

I. None

New Business:

- I.** Remove all listing of Kingdom Awards and Guild Charters; Create new appendix that contains this list.

Reasoning- This will create a single place to find all official charters for the kingdom. This will include all Kingdom and Territorial Award Charters, Kingdom Estate Charters and Guilds.

Submitted by Baron Sir Gerrit Kendel, KMn, KB

- II.** Reduce the Territory of Northwatch to a title as defined by the LI determined by the rolls on July 1.

Reasoning- When the Estates granted the title of Principality to Northwatch it was because of the growing numbers, and the fact it was the furthest East territory of the Kingdom, being the furthest territory away from the Kingdom proper. These are no longer the case. For one, the territory's membership has not been growing. Two, there are now two territories that are far removed from Kingdom proper, the latest one having grown in numbers far faster than Northwatch. By keeping Northwatch as a Principality we are creating a precedence that should not be encouraged for the future or to the Empire.

This is being submitted as Anonymous in order to remove any territorial or personal bias and to prevent future grudges by members throughout the Kingdom. The only amendment that would be allowed would be if the Territories of Northwatch and Stahldrache wish to band together and form a new Principality under a new name, and under a ruler voted on by the two territories. The date of July 1 has been stated to allow the grace period of the Rolls to pass so that the correct title can be determined if this amendment is not requested.

Submitted by Anonymous

- III.** Change section IV, B, 1, i of the LG.

Currently reads:

Official meetings of the E.G.G. shall be convened by the reigning Sovereign at an official sanctioned event, or as an event, a minimum of two times within the calendar year.

Change to:

Official meetings of the E.G.G. shall be convened by the reigning Sovereign at an official sanctioned event, or as an event, as often as needed with a minimum of once within the calendar year.

Reasoning- This will give leeway during overly busy years, or if no meeting is needed more than once a year.

Submitted by Baron Sir Gerrit Kendel, KMn, KB

- IV.** Change section VII, D of the LG.

Add the following to the current wording:

If no meeting is allowed due to quorum not being met, another circle may be called with the same agenda. The same time of 2 weeks is to be allowed before the next circle, however, any business discussed at this circle is official and the standard quorum rules do not apply.

Reasoning- Recently, there have been some issues getting peer circles together. This is due to multiple issues, but the main problem is peers not sending in proxies. This will allow the active circles to continue without relying on less active peers to read agendas and send in proxies.

Submitted by Baron Sir Gerrit Kendel, KMn, KB

V. Change section VIII, B, 3 of the LG.

Currently reads:

Defender of Galandor (Dog) War – a war held in March where the DoG is chosen.

Change to:

Crown Champions War – a war held in March where the King and Queen’s Champions and DoG is chosen.

Reasoning- In recent years, the King’s and Queen’s Champions have been put on a back burner. This is to put them back in higher regard by the populace by including them in one of the Spotlight Events.

Submitted by Baron Sir Gerrit Kendel, KMn, KB

VI. Add a new B to section IX of the LG, renumber as needed.

B. Any Court position may be appointed by the Crown instead of a Tournament or War.

Reasoning- I believe a provision must be made to allow Sovereigns to select their own Champions or DoG depending on their feelings of the positions, or if they feel a certain individual is deserving.

Submitted by Baron Sir Gerrit Kendel, KMn, KB

VII. Change section IX of the LG.

Currently reads:

B. Defender of Galandor (DoG)

1. Once a year, within two months following Coronation, an event shall be held to determine the next Defender of Galandor. The quality of the DoG is one of battle-field commandership, and the process to determine the DoG should reflect this.

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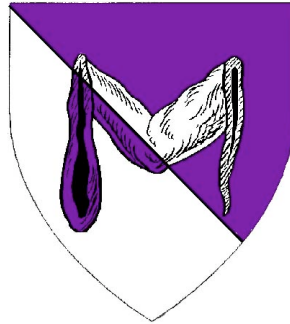
Reasoning- This will remove 1 less area that needs to be amended if the dates of Spotlight Events are changed.

Submitted by Baron Sir Gerrit Kendel, KMn, KB

Extras

Heraldry Corner

It's time for another device to increase your heraldry knowledge. This month's device belongs to HRM Anne of Brackley



The blazon is per bend (*diagonal field division from upper left to lower right*) argent (*silver*) and purple (*purple*) a maunch (*a hanging lady's sleeve*) countercharged (*the part of the charge in one color is of the other color*).

Chronicler

All Fools Day

Most cultures have some day where pranks or backwards days are held. In Roman times, the Day of Misrule was celebrated where the roles of servant and master was reversed for the day. The Celts celebrated the Festival of Lud, the god of humor, where authority figures were made fun of. The Feast of Fools made fun of the Catholic Church and mocked sacred rights.

The most common explanation of All Fools Day on April 1st is traced to 1564 where France reformed its calendar and changed the new-year from the end of March to January 1st. Those who continued forgot the change or continued to cling to the old calendar were called fools and had practical jokes played on them.

Whatever the actual origin, it's clear that humankind has always enjoyed pranks and jokes and have and will continue to take advantage of any opportunity for fun.

And that's your Medieval Minute.

Chronicler

Articles

A Short Biography of Richard I

Richard I (or “Coeur-de-Lion”) was born on September 8, 1157 in Oxford, England. The third son of Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine, he was over six feet tall with reddish hair and blue eyes. He could read and write Latin and could compose verse in both French and Provençal. He loved music and was a patron of the arts. He was also ruthless, brutal, and an incredible war leader. He was Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine. He became King of England in 1189. Richard would rule over England for ten years, yet he spent less than eight months in that country and never learned to speak the English language.



Richard’s relationship with his family was, at best, strained and, at worst, openly hostile. Henry II refused to give his sons the power associated with their noble titles. Richard was involved in a civil war with his brothers, Henry the Younger and Geoffrey, against their father in 1173-1174. The rebellion was a failure. In 1182, his older brother, Henry the Younger, plotted with some of Aquitaine’s nobles to unseat Richard. Geoffrey and John allied with Henry the Younger and declared war. Their armies proceeded to raid Poitou and Aquitaine. Richard crushed the rebellion. John and Geoffrey declared war on Richard again in 1184 and attempted to take Poitou by force with the apparent blessing of Henry II. They were unsuccessful due to Richard’s military prowess. Henry II finally called his sons to England and forced a truce between them. In 1188, Richard declared war on his father with the aid of Phillip II of France. After a brief but destructive campaign, Henry II, in declining health, was defeated by Richard’s forces. The terms of the peace treaty were so

bitter that Henry II’s last words to Richard were “God grant that I may not die until I have had my revenge upon you”. Henry II did not get his wish and died on July 6, 1189. John would later conspire with Duke Leopold IV of Austria to keep Richard imprisoned following Richard’s involvement in the Third Crusade. The two were reconciled only through the efforts of Eleanor, their mother.

Richard’s exploits at war were legendary. He laid siege to the castle of Taillebourg in 1179. The castle was regarded as impregnable. It was protected by three inner walls and was unapproachable from three sides. Richard took the castle in less than ten days.

He is perhaps best known for his involvement in the Third Crusade. Richard, together with the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick Barbarossa and Phillip II of France, led a European army to recover the crusader cities in Palestine following their capture by Saladin and his Saracen armies. On his way to Palestine, he rescued his sister Joanna in Sicily and conquered the island of Cyprus. His army lifted the two-year siege on the City of Acre with the aid of King Phillip on July 12, 1191. He later gave the order to massacre over 2,600 Muslim prisoners. He and his army beat Saladin's forces at the Battle of Arsuf and retook Jaffa, the location of modern Tel Aviv, as well as the cities of Ascalon and Darum. While he was never able to retake the city of Jerusalem, his efforts reestablished the Latin kingdoms in Palestine, which had been on the verge of extinction.

Richard died on April 6, 1199 from wounds inflicted by an arrow during a siege in Chalus, France. He was forty-one years old. His body was buried at Fontevrault Abbey at the feet of his father. His heart was buried at Rouen, the capital of Normandy. He is regarded as one of the heroes of the Crusades and is one of the best-known Kings of England.

Lord Sir Paul de Marseilles

Sources: Frank McLynn, *Richard and John, Kings at War* (Da Capo Press, 2007); Alison Weir, *Eleanor of Aquitaine* (Ballantine Books, 1999); Mike Ashley, *A Brief History of British Kings and Queens* (Carroll & Graf, 2002).

The Walls Have Ears

- Right now I'm smitten with Antinous.
- Am I looser?
- That April the 10th!
- And you can do everything from the inside that you can do from the outside.
- I don't think it will reach. Come closer.
- I have to get grass off my boobs.

Hierarchy of Galandor



CROWN OF GALANDOR – TRM Gaelen O’Flaharty and Anne of Brackley



Principality of Northwatch – TRH Sir Robert Sanguin and Dame Mina Lavigne
– **Great House of Northwatch** – Lady Squire Elix DeVries



Marquisette of Altiora – HE Jarl Sir Jaster Mereel
- **Stormdragon** – Lord Squire Giovanni Visconte



Marquisette of Solaris – HE Marchioness Dame Mynwyn verch Gruffydd
- **Semag Hall** – Lady Dame Lorelei von Bremerhaven
- **Peregrine** – Lady Squire Josceline Marie Tourneau



Province of Stahldrache – Graf Sir Adon von Hesser

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