**Spearpoint**

**Barony of Red Spears**

**November 2019**

**Missive from Their Excellencies**

**Konrad and Isibel**

Unto the populace of the Barony of Red Spears come greetings and salutations from Konrad and Isibel, Baron and Baroness of Red Spears.

We were very pleased to see a number of people from Red Spears at the 101st Midrealm Crown Tournament. Once the sun drove off the morning chill it was a perfect day to witness the continuation of the Royal linage. Congratulations to Their Highnesses Felix and Madeleina! We both appreciate all the help we received during the day and in setting up and tearing down our chairs for court.

Yule Feast is coming up next month on December 7th and We are looking forward to seeing many of you there. At Yule Feast We will be choosing a number of our champions for the next year. As has been the tradition we will determine the Rapier and A&S Champions at Yule Feast. This year for the first time We will also be selecting Youth Rapier and Youth A&S Champions. Also, with Pounce being canceled and the Armored Championship not being able to be held we have decided to choose an Armored Champion this year without a tourney and they will be announced there as well.

We would like to remind everyone about the “Populace to Peer Think Pair Share” Program.  In this program, any of Our populace who would like to discuss something with a Peer would contact Her Excellency with the item to be discussed.  As an example, a certain art, science, skill, or service could be the item. Her Excellency will then contact an appropriate Peer with whom the item could be discussed.  If you would like to participate, contact baroness@redspears.org to be connected with a Peer.

Baronial meetings. We had been looking forward to having the regularly scheduled Baronial meetings at the Liberty Township Civic Center. The Civic Center is an older building and unfortunately after the September meeting there a couple people had repertory problems resulting from something in the building. Therefore, we will not be using this site. Our thanks to all the hard work Uthan put into arranging our use of that site. We are disappointed that it will not be usable. The November 24th meeting will be at the Way Public Library in Perrysburg.

We welcome you to contact Us with comments or concerns through the email: excellencies@redspears.org. This address goes to both of us at the same time. You can also reach us individually at baron@redspears.org and baroness@redspears.org.

We also appreciate knowing who among Us has been doing deeds worthy of recognition.  To that end, we have an award recommendation email awards@redspears.org.   Remember, anyone can recommend a person to be recognized in whatever way We can.

In Service to Red Spears We remain,

Konrad and Isibel

Progress for Her Excellency Progress for His Excellency

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| November 16. Rose TourneyNovember 24. Baronial meeting December 1. Catteden meetingDecember 7. Yule Feast  | November 12. Hrodgeirsfjordr meetingNovember 16. Rose TourneyNovember 19. Hrodgeirsfjordr meetingNovember 24. Baronial meetingNovember 26. Hrodgeirsfjordr meetingNovember 30.  Wassail (Roaring Wastes)December 3. Hrodgeirsfjordr meetingDecember 7. Yule Feast |

**The Seneschal**

Greetings unto the populace and friends of the Barony of Red Spears,

Another month has come and gone.  Now comes the true fall and then winter.

Things are progressing slowly within the barony and I am hoping to see more activity soon.  We are working on many things throughout the barony. The Fjord is working on growing the relationship with TUC Gardens, putting together a room for the Manor House, and prepping for Yule Feast.  The Marche is still looking for a site, Corky recent held a series of meetings where we learn of Raku, a Japanese pottery glazing process, and then another meeting we learn how to make balm with all-natural ingredients.  Catteden is looking forward to next year’s Pounce. So here is hoping for a very busy November.

As we are looking ahead to events and activities within the barony, we have the baronial meeting on the 24th of November, which is being held at the Way Library in Perrysburg, OH.  There is a Facebook event created. So, look for updates there. Also, the Fjord will have a room prepared in a Robin Hood theme at the Wildwood Preserve Metro Park within the Manor House.

The next event held in the barony, is Yule Feast.  It is December 7th at Park Church starting at 8 am.  Please come and enjoy the Krampusnacht event.

Hope to see everyone out and about!

In Service to Red Spears I remain,

Miklos

seneschal@redspears.org

**Exchequer Report for November**

Greetings Everyone! Let’s start off by covering the basics:
Account Balance as of 9/30/2019: $3742.53
(Line Items: Children’s Fund  $317.00, Oakford $179.45, Cook’s Guild  $36.96, General Fund $3209.12)

The Barony is currently in need of a deputy exchequer as Gabrielle will not be able to step up into the exchequer position in the foreseeable future. (Thank you, Gabrielle for being there as a deputy/safety net for us!) The next deputy exchequer will need to complete the Kingdom’s required online training to be warranted and work with me to be ready to step up in about seven months as my real-life career will probably be taking me out of the Red Spears area. If you are interested, please send your letter of intent to the Baronial Seneschal (seneschal@redspears.org).

Please note, there are some requirements for becoming an exchequer:

Society Level-Requirements:
II. FINANCIAL OFFICER REQUIREMENTS

A. All Chancellors of the Exchequer must be paid members of the SCA or an affiliated organization while they are listed as warranted officers.

B. All Chancellors of the Exchequer will submit evidence of both personal/legal identification and membership in SCA, Inc. or an affiliated organization when applying for a warrant. Identification issued by a contemporary government or educational institution is an acceptable form of identification.

C. All financial officers must have an identified emergency deputy. This emergency deputy must be able to take over all duties and function as the financial officer upon short notice.

Middle Kingdom-Level Requirements
III.  Office of the Chancellor of the Exchequer

1. **Definition**

The financial officer of a branch, guild, or other entity. This office is required in Corpora Article III.C. Commonly shortened to Exchequer. (Also known as Reeve in some Kingdoms).

1. **Qualifications**

All persons who wish to become a Chancellor of the Exchequer should have some experience with bookkeeping procedures and accounting. The Chancellor of the Exchequer must prove an ability to reconcile bank statements to the branch account, to produce monthly and quarterly reports, and to comply with requests from their superiors in the chain of command for information. The Chancellor of the Exchequer must have regular access to email and spreadsheet software such as Excel or OpenOffice. Knowledge of tax law regarding nonprofit organizations is a plus.

Kingdom Chancellors of the Exchequer and Regional Deputies should have the ability to oversee and act as a resource for local group exchequers.

## Selection and Appointment

(This section is deleted because it details the selection of the Kingdom chancellor of the Exchequer which is not applicable to us. Please see the Baronial Charter & Financial Policy for details on how the Barony chooses)

## Duties

Responsibilities of each Branch Exchequer (up to and including the Kingdom Exchequer) include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Being familiar with the laws and policies governing the use and control of Branch assets that are outlined in the Chancellor of the Exchequer Branch Officer’s Reference Handbook (SCA, Inc.), the Society Financial Policy, and the Kingdom Financial Policy.
2. Following reporting schedules and guidelines outlined by the Chancellor of the Exchequer Branch Officer’s Reference Handbook (SCA, Inc.) and this Financial Policy.
3. Having a review of Branch financial books performed at least once every two years, or when a change of office occurs, by the regional or Kingdom exchequer or their designated representative.
4. Contacting the Kingdom or Regional Exchequer for aid and guidance when needed.
5. Reading the Kingdom Exchequer Officer’s letters in the Middle Kingdom newsletter (The Pale) each month, in which ay changes in policy will be noted.
6. Being a member of the Middle Kingdom Exchequer Google Group, which functions as the official email service for the Middle Kingdom Exchequers, in which any changes in policy or announcements will be made.

Using correct asset handling procedures: using a second person not living at the same residence, to both count all monies collected for the Branch, and having both persons attest to the amount to assure accuracy and accountability.

Potential Chancellors of the Exchequer must be current members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

So, I’ll leave it at that for the moment. If you have any questions about how money things work for our corner of the SCA, feel free to contact me at exchequer@redspears.org and I’ll do my best to help out.

In Service to The Dream,
Baroness Margherita di Raffaele

**Rapier Marshal**

Starting Tuesday, November 12, 2019 we will be having weekly baronial rapier practice at the Fjord in Toledo from 7-10 pm. On the third Tuesday of each month, there will also be youth rapier practice. On the fourth Tuesday, there will be a rapier melee practice. As with events, at practice inspections must be done and UBER forms filled out. If there are any questions, please contact me at rapier@redspears.org

Thanks,

Deorsa

**Heavy Marshal**

Greetings from the Knights Marshal. As you all know the Bowling Green area is still looking for an indoor site to hold armored practices. If you know of any available spaces, please let the Seneschal know to make arrangements to look over said sites. The Toledo group is offering up space and holding meetings still on Tuesdays at the church in Toledo but beware NO black soled shoes are to be worn on the gym floor. Also, again I ask that if you are a heavy fighter anywhere in the Barony to reach out and let me know so that I can update my roster. I cannot chase everyone around and keep an eye on who goes to which events. If you wish to be included in my reports, then please let me know you are an authorized fighter. Finally, as the cold winter months approach I know most of us get lazy and pack away our gear and hibernate, I strongly suggest if you chose to do this please make sure your armor is dry and clean before being packed away and in good repair. I also stress that you at least keep up with pell work and some kind of cardio activities. Otherwise Helmet time, Helmet time, Helmet time. Get to practices.

Thank you....YIS Hrothgar Varghosson

**Youth Minister**

Greetings!  As my time as exchequer for Hrothgeirsfjordr comes to an end, I was looking for a new way to support the barony.  Since I seem to spend as much time looking at youth activities as I do A&S activities for events, I figured being the baronial youth minister would be a good idea.

If you are not aware, the youth in our barony are being noticed and in a good way.  This past April at It Takes My Child to Raze a Village, Sofonisba Voltera (Josie), Leonardo Voltera (Oli), and Veoreos Edward (Edward) won their respective A&S divisions in the youth A&S competition.  That wasn’t all. It Takes My Child picks four youths each year that they feel represents each of the peerages. Leonardo was named their White Feather (Pelican) and Anna da Canal (Anna) was named their Green Leaf (Laurel).  How cool is it that four of our youth were recognized at an event in the Barony of Northwoods?

Seeing that got me thinking.  What can we do as a barony to encourage, support, and recognize our youth?  With that thought, I approached their excellencies to see what they thought about naming a baronial youth rapier and youth A&S champion.  They liked the idea. At Yule Feast this year, we will be naming our first champions. Please plan to attend to see who gets named and what regalia we have planned for them.

I want to give a huge thank you to Lady Fatima for her work with our youth in rapier.  She gives up adult fighting the third Tuesday of the month to help the nine (yes 9) youth that we have interested in rapier.  If you are an authorized rapier fighter, I would love to see you consider getting your youth sparring and/or marshallate. If all the kids are at the meeting and up for fighting, Fatima has more kids than she can effectively work with.

Besides helping with youth rapier, I want to encourage the populace to consider ways that they can help support, encourage, and recognize the youth of our populace.  If you have any questions about how you can help, please contact myself at youth@redspears.org  or Lady Artemisia Voltera at youth@midrealm.org .  We would be more than happy to discuss ways you can help and how to do so.

YIS,

Lady Pellegrina da Canal

**Chronicler**

Greetings! I would like to invite everyone to submit articles they wish to share with the populace. Please have them to chronicler@readspears.org by the 20th of each month.

~Mary

**Red Spears**

**Business Meeting**

**October 13, 2019**

Call to order by Seneschal at 1:23 pm.

Roll Call:

Seneschal: Nate Goehring/Lord Veoreos Miklos-Present

Deputy Seneschal: Vacant

Exchequer: Margaret Chrysler/ Baroness Margherita Di Raffaele-Absent

Deputy Exchequer: Vacant

Chronicler: Mary Carr/Lady Mary Deorsawif-Present

Chatelain: Josh Brandt/Lord Olivier Van Den Woude-Present

MOAS: Debra Mansor/Deb the Cupbearer-Absent

Web Minister: Vacant

Quartermaster: Vacant

Archery Marshal: Lady El’Aria a’Fighe-Absent

Rapier Marshal: George Carr/Lord Deorsa MacGhillechearr-Present

Heavy Marshal: Sgt. Hróðgeirr Varghǫsson-Present

Thrown Marshal: Uthan as Regional- Absent

Youth Minister: Vacant

Herald/ Pursuivant: Lady El’Aria a’Fighe-Absent

Baron Konrad Mailander-Present

Baroness Isibel inghean Uilliam Mhic Leoid- Present

Minutes of last meeting read by Chronicler.

 Approved motioned by George and Seconded by Captain.

Reports:

Exchequers report read by Charity for Exchequer-Balance of account is $3,742.53. Margaret is stepping down in May 2020. There are requirements to be met to be Exchequer. If interested, please contact Margaret and Nate. She is worried about over booking the checking account with back to back weekend events in May 2020.

MOAs-Absent

Web Minster- Vacant

Chatelain- Possible site for March of the Marshes. Thompson Stone Hall in Grand Rapids at Otsego Park. He has called and emailed and awaits an answer. Guerrilla demo was done at Apple Butter Festival in Grand Rapids. Some interest from the Public. If the Barony is interested in attending the Apple Butter Festival next year (2nd Sunday of October) in the living timeline, everything must be 100% period. There could be a possible encampment at Mary Janes Park also. A Poll will be set up and sent out for interest.

Heavy Marshal- Current rooster of 12 fighters. UBER forms/Inspections must be completed at all practices and events. Must have a Marshal on site to practice. Everyone needs to practice

Rapier Marshal- UBER forms/Inspections must be completed at all practices and events. End of year Reports are due soon.

Regional Rapier Marshal- Announced he is stepping down. If you are interested, send your interest to Kingdom Rapier Marshal.

Chronicler- Everyone is invited to submit articles they wish to share with the populace for Spearpoint. Please have them to chronicler@readspears.org by the 20th of each month.

Thrown Marshal-Absent

Archery Marshal-Absent

Quartermaster-Vacant

Youth Marshal-Vacant

Their Excellencies –Please submit awards for Yule Feast-send awards to awards@redspears.org . Populace to Peer Think Pair Share programs started, and a new email for their Excellencies – Both will receive at the same time. excellencies@redspears.org

Seneschal- We need to find ways to create new demos to retain membership. If there is no one in office for MOAS- the group needs to keep track of.

Reports approved by George and Seconded by Oliver. Vote 15 to 0 to 0.

Old Business:

Merger of Cantons for Catteden, Castell Gwent, and Oakford- up in the air.

Boar’s Hunt- Plans in the works.

Coronation May 2, 2020- Working on the budget.

Open positions- email your interest to Nate.

Web Minister, Youth Minister, Quartermaster, Deputy Seneschal and Deputy Exchequer.

New Business:

Charity put in her interest in Youth Minister. Motioned by George and Seconded by Lynette.

Items of Note:

George is working on obtaining his Youth Rapier Marshal.

Fjord will be decorating a room in the Manor House at Wildwood Metro Park.

Yule Feast –Charity is requesting teachers for A&S.

If you are unable to attend a meeting and wish to vote upon business at the meeting. Please email your proxy vote to Nate at seneschal@redspears.org Any business to be voted on will be published on the Baronial face book at least a week before the meeting.

Next Baronial meeting is at Way Public Library November 24th 1:3- -4:30 pm.

Meeting adjournment at 2:40 pm. Motioned by Hrothgar and Seconded by George. 15-0-0.

**Red Spears**

**Officers**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Baron | Baron Konrad Mailander | baron@redspears.orgexcellencies@redspears.org |
| Baroness | Baroness Isibel inghean Uilliam Mhic Leoid | baroness@redspears.orgexcellencies@redspears.org |
| Seneschal | Lord Veoreos Miklos | Seneschal@redspears.org |
| Exchequer | Baroness Margherita Di Raffaele | exchequer@redspears.orgRedspears.exchequer@midrealm.org |
| Pursuivant | Lady El’Aria a’Fighe | herald@redspears.orgrespears.herald@midrealm.org |
| Chronicler | Lady Mary Deorsawif | chronicler@redspears.orgredspears.chronicler@midrealm.org |
| Minister of Arts & Sciences | Deb the Cupbearer | moas@redspears.orgredspears.moas@midrealm.org |
| Knights Marshal | Sgt. Hróðgeirr Varghǫsson | armored@redspears.orgredspears.marshal@midrealm.org |
| Rapier Marshal | Lord Deorsa MacGhillechearr | rapier@redspears.orgredspears.rapier@midrealm.org |
| Archery/Thrown Weapons | Lady El’Aria a’Fighe | archery@redspears.orgredspears.archery@midrealm.org |
| Chatelaine | Lord Olivier Van Den Woude | chatelaine@redspears.orgredspears.chatelaine@midrealm.org |
| Webminister |  | webminister@redspears.orgredspears.webminister@midrealm.org |
| Youth Minister | Lady Pellegrina da Canal | youth@redspears.orgredspears.youth@midrealm.org  |

This is the November 2019 issue of the Spearpoint, a publication of the Barony of Red Spears of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA, Inc.). The Spearpoint is edited by and available from Mary Deorsawif, chronicler@redspears.org or redspears.chronicler@midrealm.org and found on the Red Spears Facebook. It is not a corporate publication of SCA, Inc., and does not delineate SCA, Inc. policies. Copyright © 2019 Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. For information on reprinting photographs, articles, or artwork from this publication, please contact the Chronicler, who will assist you in contacting the original creator of the piece. Please respect the legal rights of our contributors.