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Photo by John Macandrew

Amanda Kendal of Westmoreland
19??-2011



Baron's Column



Cancer sucks.

While visiting Viscountess Amanda, she told me she used to have only one regret in life. While still living back east, she heard on the radio about some traffic jam created by some concert across the border in New York State. Amanda regrets not throwing everyone in the car and making their way to the concert of the century, Woodstock.

I was only nine years old during the summer of 1969 and living in a log cabin just outside of 100 Mile House. It was a strange location from which to watch Man land on the Moon, but we did that on a small 9" black and white television that a friend of my sisters brought over while hitchhiking.

Too young to be a real hippie, my brother, some friends, and I did our best painting up some 'protest' signs with peace symbols and slogans like "Make Love Not War". We strung rosehips together to wear as beads and marched through our neighbourhood and down Highway 97. Kidstuff, but we took it as a badge of honour every time somebody flashed us the peace sign.

Lying in her bed, Amanda stated she now had a second regret in her life and that was not going to the doctor earlier to check out some issues.

That is something I am guilty of as well. I'm a stereotypical guy in that I tend to avoid going to the doctor unless there is something seriously wrong with me – like not being able to breathe. Even then you wait a few days to see if it is just going to go away.

But just going in to get a check-up? That's is something that can be put off for another day. And, of course, I am one of those guys that live by the motto "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can put off for good."

However, Amanda's words got to me. I haven't been to the doctor in two years. I am at the age that some things need to be checked and the tests are not that comfortable. Yeah, I know everyone with XX chromosomes is saying "Suck it up, buttercup".

Ultimately, we do have to suck it up. On Movember 1, I shaved off my moustache. The Movember Movement (<http://ca.movember.com/>) is a visible way to bring attention to men's health issues specifically cancers that affect men. Men are often embarrassed to go see a doctor and the growing of a moustache is both manly but also a little bit embarrassing. It is embarrassing because the first few weeks all we get is baby peach fuzz. Of course, some don't get anything more than that.

Just shaving the moustache off is not enough. I have gone to the doctor. I got my prostate checked. At my age, colon cancer is also checked so I did some tests for that as well.

Cancer sucks. Let's do our job and get ourselves checked out. Guys, the women have been doing a better job at this then we have but it is time we sucked it up and tried to match them.

To all those currently undergoing treatment or have recently undergone treatment, my love and prayers go out to you.

Baron James





Editor's Letter



I never know what to write in this space, and usually put it off as long as possible. Yet, each time I do I feel I'm allowing an opportunity specifically designed for my voice to go unclaimed. (Much like putting off going to the doctor to get check-ups, as HE Baron James talks about in his article.)

November is a month of remembrance, and this issue is full of the memories of the past three months in Lions Gate. It is also full of some of the memories of one of Lions Gate's founders, our matriarch, and our very dear friend.

November, being the month of the Movember (which both our baron, and my own lord Gareth participated in), is also a time to remember all those who have been touched by cancer, or have lost friends and family to this disease.

Along with the rest of Lions Gate, I was shocked to hear the news of Amanda's diagnosis two months ago at Council. Amanda's official statement of disclosure appears herein in full, as well as Melissa's official obituary, in the hopes that everyone gets the chance to read them.

I hope I can safely say for all of us that we have been struggling to amalgamate our grief, confusion, and sense of impotency, with our fervent wish to celebrate Amanda, her spirit, her life, and what she has contributed to Lions Gate over her life time, and to so many of us personally.

In November, I also traveled to Ramsgaard to celebrate my own 6th SCAdian anniversary of my first event at Freeze-Off. This year was made all the more memorable by being back in the same hall as well. At that time, Ieuan and Gweneth were prince and princess for the first time, and Ulf and Amanda were tanist and ban-tanist.

When I walked into the hall Saturday morning six years ago, Ieuan and Gwyneth were seated on the thrones at the far end. Amanda was sitting with Ulf beside the aeric, to one side. Though I'd never met most of the people in the hall before, I knew Amanda must also be special, less by the coronet on her head, than by the air of reverence that seemed to surround her and distance her from those around her, even when she was involved in conversation. I was in awe of her from the first, but I quickly came to learn that that reverence was well deserved, as her kindness, fairness, generosity, love and above all strength of spirit, have always been boundless.

She will always remain a very special lady in all our hearts.

Please enjoy the this issue, and remember always to pause and savour the memories, good and bad, collective and individual, friends and family.

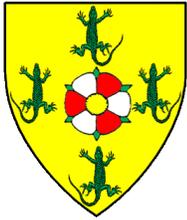
In Service to our Dream,
Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron

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Amanda



Dictated by HE Amanda Kendal of Westmorland mka Nancy Stevens on October 31 2011.

My Dear Friends,

As some of you know, I have been in the hospital this last month, where I remain. My heart has been touched by the outpouring of love from so many.



Amanda at Stranded Mermaid
July 7, 2007
Photo by: John Macandrew

I can feel it every day. I wish I could have talked to each of you before sending this letter.

At first, the doctors thought I had ovarian cancer, but after further testing, they have told me that it is probably uterine and/or cervical cancer. Because it is advanced, it is inoperable. I also have blood clots in my lungs and am retaining water. All of these things mean I am having trouble breathing, trouble eating and am coughing a lot. I will be continuing to receive chemotherapy for pain and other symptom control. I may have two months, I may have less. I may have six months. We take it one day at a time. Please don't ignore pain, and visit your doctor.

I have gotten to know all of you at tourneys, wars, banquets, gatherings, workshops and classes. You have all enriched my life, and most of all I had fun. I have so many memories it would take a book to write down, but know that they are burned bright in my heart. Thank you for giving me a wonderful life.

I have confidence you will continue to shine as I have always seen you, and that you will continue to pass it forward to others.

I hope to be at the banquet celebrating my birthday, and perhaps even Twelfth Night.

I love having visitors, cards and letters, emails and phone calls. They are good medicine for my spirits.

I have no fear; I look on the future as a grand adventure.

I look forward to taking your tales to Gerhard and the others who have gone on before.

As Gerhard said:

Life is too short. If it is not fun, why are you doing it?

All my love,
Amanda



Amanda and Gerhard
Baronial Banquet
October 15, 2006
Photo by: John Macandrew

Amanda



Let all know throughout the Known World that on Saturday, December 17th, 2011 Gregorian, Her Excellency, Viscountess Amanda Kendal of Westmoreland, Lion of AnTir, Baroness of the Court of the West, Founding Baroness of the Barony of Lions Gate, Mistress of the Order of the Laurel, Holder of a Grant of Arms of the Kingdom of the West, Holder of the Leaf of Merit, Holder of a Jambe de Lion, Holder of an Award of Arms, Recipient of the Silver Pillar of Tir Righ, Holder of the Magister Ithra and the Lector Ithra, Recipient of the Belated Rose, Recipient of the Mano d'Oro, Recipient of the Forget Me Not, Recipient of the Princess's Talon of Tir Righ, Recipient of the Raven's Blood, Member of the Order of the Lion's Claw, former Champion of Service for the Baroness of Lions Gate, Recipient of the Black Tower of Eisenmarch, and Recipient of the Golden Apple of Appledore, whose arms have been augmented by Their past Majesties of AnTir, who reigned as Baroness of Lions Gate for 27 years, who served as Regent and Chancellor of the University of Ithra for several decade

s, and most importantly, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, mentor, teacher, friend and profound inspiration to so very many, has journeyed to the stars to be with her beloved husband, Gerhard Kendal of Westmoreland, her son in law Siegfried the Immane, and many, too many, others.

She was most proud of helping others strive to achieve their dreams and see the potential they hadn't even seen in themselves. For so many of us she personified grace and redefined our experience of chivalry. May each and every one of us help each other to see the best in ourselves and help each other to achieve our dreams. Never lose the opportunity to tell your loved ones you love them.

With love and hugs, and tears,
Melissa and Andre



Top Left by Elspeth Selwoode, at May Investiture, 14 May AS 41, Bottom Right by Kenneth of Shaftesbury

Lions Gate Calendar of Events

December-2011						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Event Listings for December-2011

Date	Branch	Event
22		Baronial Council
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Fri		Newcomer Information Session 2 -
Wed		North Wind Deadline 28
Thu		Rapier Practice 1 , 8 , 15 , 22 , 29
Mon		Dance Practice 12 , 26

January-2012						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Event Listings for January-2012

Date	Branch	Event
26		Baronial Council
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Fri		Newcomer Information Session 6 -, 13 , 20 , 27
Mon		Cloverdale Practice 2 , 9 , 16 , 23 , 30
Wed		North Wind Deadline 4 , 11 , 18 , 25
Thu		Rapier Practice 5 , 12 , 19 , 26
Mon		Dance Practice 9 , 23

February-2012						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	1	2	3

Event Listings for February-2012

Date	Branch	Event
4		Canterbury Fayre (Bardic & A&S Defenders)
23		Baronial Council
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Fri		Newcomer Information Session 3 -
Mon		Cloverdale Practice 6 , 13 , 20 , 27
Wed		North Wind Deadline 22
Thu		Rapier Practice 2 , 9 , 16 , 23
Mon		Dance Practice 13 , 27

March-2012						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Event Listings for March-2012

Date	Branch	Event
22		Baronial Council
31		Fools Bransle
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Fri		Newcomer Information Session 2 -, 9 , 16 , 23 , 30
Mon		Cloverdale Practice 5 , 12 , 19 , 26
Wed		North Wind Deadline 7 , 14 , 21 , 28
Thu		Rapier Practice 1 , 8 , 15 , 22 , 29
Mon		Dance Practice 12 , 26

Baroness' Tourney Report

The Lions Gate Baroness' Tourney XLVI was very enjoyable.

Baron James Wolfden's crossbow shoot with mini targets and ferocious beasts was great fun and very, very well attended with dozens of the populace trying their hand. Blasting a beast with a bolt meant munching on chocolate! The fencing was wonderful to watch, especially the London Masters portion using all the different weapon combinations. I heard there was a formidable field of fighters as well. The arts and sciences challenges run by the Arts and Science Minister Lady Myrrim de Lancaster showed great creativity. The "Horse in any Medium" resulted one entry that was a picture of a horse inside a soothsaying medium! There were also games, games, everywhere as both I and Gamesmistress Mary Ostler brought games for the populace to enjoy. The wood burning games project the Honourable Lady Mary has been working on is truly spectacular and is nearly complete.

At evening court as deputy Baronial Archer, I was given to honour to acknowledge a number of Lions Gate archery achievements this year, including the current standing of 21 top 10 placements in the Royal Rounds and York Rounds by our 21 archers, as well as Arcos Aline de Seez attaining the level of Grand Master.

Improvement and involvement in archery in Lions Gate are recognized with the Golden Bolt for crossbow, and the Golden Pierced Arrowhead for archery. I was delighted to announce that my co-deputy of Archery in Lions Gate, Archos Kenneth of Shaftesbury, earned the Golden Bolt for this year. The real bolt currently resides far across the water in the Shire of Hartwood (no doubt in a moving box somewhere!), as the previous year's recipient was Master John MacAndrew, whose family moved on November 1st. Negotiations for it's return are anticipated to complete soon. In the meanwhile, Arcos Kenneth as given as a token of holding the "Golden Bolt", a golden fletched blunt for one of the mini-crossbows, the presentation of which garnered much mirth.

The members of the Lions Gate Company of Archers were also announced, being Arcos Kenneth of Kenneth of Shaftesbury and newlyl-fledged Arcos David of Tiriane. The Lions Gate Company of Archers is a way to recognize those archers who strive for breadth of skill by using at least four different types of weapons, in a variety of tournament and round formats. It is a worthy challenge, and one that must be striven for anew every year. Upon first successfully meeting the criteria of the Company, the new member is awarded a period arrow, with hand-tied fletching and a cast bodkin point. There after, the archer may crest their arrow with a single band of silver for each year of entry into the Company, or a gold band if they attain the highest scores for the year and earn the rank of Captain of the Company.

At the end of the evening, those who chose to stay for the potluck banquet were rewarded by seating at an intimate collection of tables and with a variety of fabulous dishes to try.

Thank you to Mistress Caitrin and her team for creating a special event that was warm and welcoming, despite her having a cold, a spectacular selection of royals to attend to, and juggling two locations.

in service,

Madam Jaqueline Lefleur
deputy archer Lions Gate
arcuarius to Baron James Wolfden

Canton Whatchamacallit!

Greetings from Canton Whatchamacallit!

Squamish, or Skwxwú7mesh in the Coast Salish language, will now not only be known as the Outdoor Capital of Canada, or that place between Vancouver and Whister, or even the town with a 7 in its name (I mean how cool is that?). It will now also be known as the newest Canton within the Barony of Lions Gate. With the gracious blessing from their Excellencies James and Margaret, plans are now underway to get this new Branch going.

This was initially a brainstorming to get new people interested in the SCA that was proving difficult with most of the “local” events happening in Vancouver or Maple Ridge. The interest is here, the desire to travel to Vancouver for everything is not. Thus a new Canton will be born. I've secured a location for meetings for Newcomers that seats 20 and you may have heard by now that Tir Righ February Investiture will be held at the Brennan Park Recreation Centre in Squamish as well, with a social gathering the night before at the Howe Sound Brew Pub. Squamish has a lot to offer and we're hoping the SCA will have a lot to offer it as well.

This undertaking is still very new and names are being bantered around as I write this. If you know anyone living within the Sea to Sky region who has shown interest in the SCA, wants to get involved, but wants something more local to where they live, get them to email me at Caitrina@shaw.ca.

From the Canton of <whateverwecomeupwith> I remain,
Caitrina inghean Aindriasa



Ask Our Alchemist



Dear Dr. Carus,

At twenty-five and having yet to find my prince, I am starting to despair that I will remain a spinster. However, most of the advice I have read seemingly involves various unfortunate forms of footwear. Just how practical are these "glass slippers," and how would I have a pair made?

Barefoot and confused,
Tootsies Zapato

My Lady Zapato,

In a previous article [1], Dr. Carus (who is starting to quote himself, on top of speaking of himself in the third person) had occasion to mention the legend of *vitrum flexile* – glass that is not only transparent and incorruptible, but that on being struck would flex or dent instead of shatter [2]. As you can imagine, this would be a useful property for shoes worn for dancing, which (he understands) often involves much hopping and skipping about, and repeated foot-floor impacts (and occasional foot-foot crushings).

Unfortunately, glass as we know it is a notoriously brittle substance – though lately (1625) the Dutch have developed curious drops that can withstand being smashed by a hammer (but explode into dust if their tails are tweaked); later (ca 1650) they'll be introduced by Prince Rupert, the flamboyant cavalier and inventor, to King Charles II of England, who'll use them for practical jokes, and eventually (1661) suggest them as one of the first subjects of study by his newer toy, the Royal Society – who knows but that one day someone (François Royer de la Bastie of France, 1874 [3]) might not turn this idea into large plates or articles of "toughened" or "tempered" glass, with many uses.

But alas! Even if glass were not brittle, it is still rigid, and such hypothetical ballroom lower garb – like existing wooden shoes or pattens – would perhaps limit the Lords and Ladies to clog-dancing (and possibly encourage the savage and forbidden custom of clog-fighting [4]) – though certain Period manuals [5] suggest that elegant dance is even possible in foot-tall platform *chopines* (though usually of cork; presumably, some time after learning to walk in these unaided).

Some "debunkers" have suggested that the whole idea of "glass slippers" may have been an error in Perrault's version of "Cinderella" [6] – itself adapted ultimately from the original romance-by-shoe story of Rhodopsis of Egypt [7], with added specification of the podalic material – involving a confusion of *verre* / "glass" for *vair* / "a fine patterned fur such as from certain squirrels" [8]. Others [9, 10], though, have derided this hypothesis as an unlikely mistake for a member of *l'Académie Française* to make, being unhistorical (furry footwear being generally undocumented), contrary to independent versions of the folktale in other languages, and inconsistent with the plot. The need for a close fit makes more sense with a rigid structure; she would have been used to servants' clogs, when she went to the Ball disguised as herself – the true Lady of the Manor. They're magic fairy slippers anyway – what, the carriage really came from a *citron* instead of a *citrouille*, too? (might explain why vehicles that soon become inoperable came to be called "lemons")

Ask Our Alchemist

Unlike the carriage that reverted to a pumpkin at midnight, Cinderella's slippers seem to have been of a form and substance that could survive indefinitely without need of ongoing magical sustainment. One could speculate about materials as transparent but tougher than glass, such as a colourless version of amber, or resins like shellac or lacquer (harvested via the Lac Bug, and from which an entire palace is said to have been built [11]), or gums or "drying" oils (ex. linseed oil/lin-oleum), that are known to be tough and relatively clear in thin coatings of varnish, and perhaps could be built up in multiple layers, or moulded like soft wax or other "plastic" material.

Well, as usual, Alchemy has its work cut out for it. Meanwhile, I wish everyone a happy upcoming (Christmas) Ball Season, *et pacem in terris*. And, my Lady, may I urge you also to keep an open mind towards the possibility of an alternative lifestyle, and consider whether you might not have a vocation for a career of scholarship and quiet contemplation. I know my sisters of the female branch of our order – the Benedictine nuns – are always looking for new recruits to carry on their good works. There's no life like it!

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Dr. Carus answers your questions on Medieval Science & Technology in every issue of the North Wind: email them to him at [darlingg\(at\)activematerials\(dot\)ca](mailto:darlingg(at)activematerials(dot)ca), or to the Chronicler.

Valete et gaudete, fratres et sorores!

Kingdom Armourers Guild

To all Armourers and Jewelers in Tir Righ:

Wilhelm the Far Traveller, OP, Guildmaster of the Kingdom Armourers Guild announces that the Guild has returned to life thanks to the Royal encouragement of Owain & Wren. He has also appointed me, Aelana Cordovera, as Deputy Guildmaster for Tir Righ.

If you were previously a member of the Guild, please contact me with your particulars so I can reinstate you in the Guild, with name, address, phone, email, and status achieved. Your membership is good for life. However, I do not have previous records.

If you would like to become a member, please contact me and send \$3 to receive notice of future workshops and meetings, at Coronet events. We are planning a Viking Cloak Pin and Viking Wire Inlay suitable for jewelry, knives and swords. Future classes in armouring, weapons, utilitarian metal work or jewelry will be offered.

If you want a short version (or long) of the Guild Charter just let me know.

Yours in Service,
Tir Righ A&S Deputy for Guilds
AnTir Guild of Armour Weapons & Jewelry, Deputy Guildmaster for Tir Righ

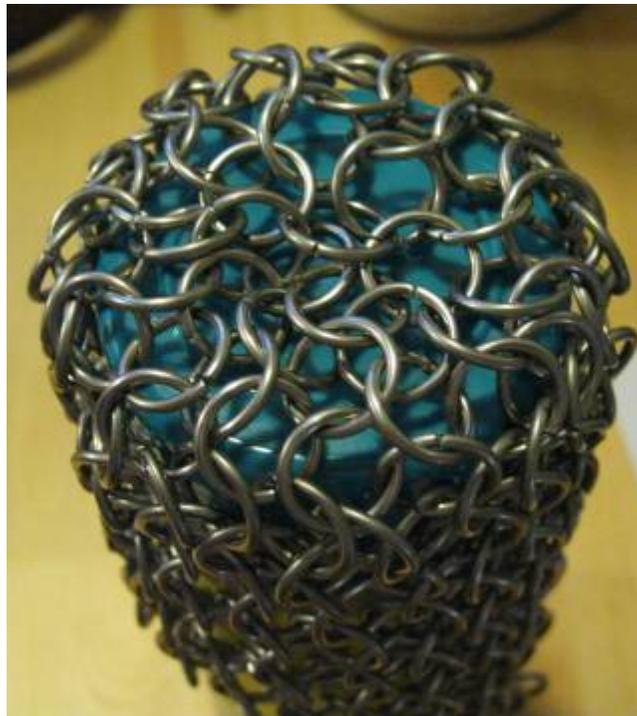


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Wendy's first dice bag - in progress.

Poetry of the Month

In Abbey's Fields

(In Flanders Fields, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae)

Written by Dr. Carus, inspiration by Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron



In Abbey's fields the brothers hoe
And sow the gardens, row on row,
That feed this place. And in the sky,
The crows, still dismal croaking, fly
Scarce heard amid the hymns below.

We are the Monks. Short hours ago,
We rose, knelt down, saw stained glass glow,
Prayed and were prayed for, and now we hoe
In Abbey's fields.

Lay down your quarrel with the foe
And from our ink-stained hands, borrow
Our books; they're yours to lift you high.
If ye lose faith in Peace, and die,
We shall go on, and brothers hoe
In Abbey's fields.

The Walk Back

Lady Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron

Hoarfrost glitters amid the yellow leaves,
a soft rime dusts the path I've often trudded,
Was it the changing seasons I begrudged?
Or the long lost spring for which winter grieves?

Summer's harvest now gone to withered sheaves,
as I sit frozen, waiting to be judged,
til nagging questions towards answers nudged,
lest too much time be lost to silent thieves

Start with the search, if you want to be found,
embrace only that which lends strength to life,
focus on the gain, rather than the lack

Stand between the profane and the profound,
though always there are days when both are rife,
How can I see beyond the white and black?



Crown



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Archery Reports

Membership

Target archers 21
Combat archers (est.) 10
Authorized Active Junior TAMs 2
Authorized Active Senior TAMs 8

Barony of Lions Gate Archery Report July 2011

Practices

Now that monsoon season has lessened, archery practices are taking place three times a week at the Burnaby Butts: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Attendance is usually low, with between two and six archers each day, though who shows up each day varies considerably. Kenneth of Shaftesbury has continued this year to be a stalwart presence on the range, missing only a few days due to rain. Most of the new archers from the winter have chosen not to purchase Burnaby Archer's memberships, so attendance has fallen accordingly.

The rules at the Burnaby Butts have changed this year, and I've been keeping busy enforcing them. Membership checking is part of this. Other changes include:

- * restricting archers to shooting and retrieving within the width of the shooting lane when the butts on either side are being used
- * coaching new archers at closer distances until their accuracy improves, before beginning Royal Rounds (this reduces frame damage to the butts)
- * not running York rounds unless two butts to either side are clear (although no York Rounds have taken place yet this year)
- * moving the practice to the west side of the range on Tuesdays, so that the Burnaby Archery classes can make use of the right side of the field (as they mostly shoot at shorter distances and longer distance shooters are now restricted to west side of the field.)

I've also been informing people via the Yahoo archery list when I hear of maintenance parties at the range. I feel the archers could do more than we have done, so I'll be expanding the postings to Facebook. Not all archers are on the Yahoo list.

One thing that may help is having the current practice dates listed on the Baronial Calendar. I have emailed the Web Mistress to request this be done.

Combat Archery

The combat archery group continues to grow and gain strength and prowess. They did a fine job at Sealion War in June. More CA authorizations have been completed this month, and a few more are pending in the next week or two. Don Warwick Drakkar and Lady Elora have been instrumental in keeping the momentum going. Warwick and Elora held two combat arrow making workshops in July, thanks to which I am now the proud owner of 48 green, sparkly missiles of death! There were 15 orders of arrows or bolts created through the workshops, so Lions Gate combat archers will be well-equipped.

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Children's Archery

Children's archery is also increasing now that the kids are out of school. Elaine won the moose shoot at Stranded Mermaid, and my daughter Asari won the overall archery event (and placed third in the adult event!) I am considering a few ways to set up regular coaching for children so that more may learn the joy of archery.

Archery at Tournament of Armies

I have offered and been granted the honour of being the MIC for the Tournament of Armies this year. There will be ten different scenarios over two days, including a children's competition, as well as open range time at this premier archery event for the barony. I'm looking forward to many archers coming from across Tir Righ and An Tir.

In Service,

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Combat arrow failures

The round of combat arrows made recently is in the process of being fixed. Some analysis has been done, much of it by William Arwemakre, and the flaws discovered are being corrected. The information is being distributed through Facebook, where the original group of arrow makers came together. Baron James was asked to check the arrows at the recent Odin's event in Lionsdale.

Archery practice over the winter

With the fight practice having to relocate, target archery will not be able to join in due to space and safety limitations. The coverall with its fabric walls might be damaged or punctured by stray arrows (which might continue onwards and present a serious safety issue.) The Alice McKay building is too small to hold fighters are rapier and target archers. It may be large enough to hold combat archery practices.

I will be publishing regular outdoor target archery practices on Saturday or Sunday mornings at the Burnaby Butts. Practices will take into account mundane tournaments, local SCA events, and all attendees will have to be members of the Burnaby Archery Association. Instead of paying \$5 per practice, archers will pay \$60 for the full year (family memberships are \$100 for up to 3 people, \$15 for each addition person.)

Archery year end and Company of Archers

The end of the archery year is coming up on October 31st. I'll be holding Saturday and Sunday special

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shoots each weekend, with the same considerations as above. Specifically, IKAC (Interkingdom Archery Competition) and York rounds (long distance shoot; takes about 3 hours.) These will be of particular importance for those archers trying out for the Company of Archers. I'll send out an email to the lists about the company next week, to remind the populace about it, and describe the current criteria.

Archery classes

Starting this winter, I want to begin holding archery classes in Lions Gate, perhaps one per month. These can be held at events, or can be held informally from my home (for smaller groups.) I will discuss the idea with the Baron and Baroness, keeping the TUTOR program of archery classes originally drawn up by Baroness Margaret as the area of focus. I hope to encourage instructors to come forward, and may finally have convinced William Arwemakre to teach a course on making combat arrows. I'll also be holding some arrow repair and arrow making workshops through the winter so everyone is ready to go by spring.

Burnaby Butts - volunteer opportunities

William Arwemakre has let me know there will be a maintenance party at the Burnaby Butts in October, most likely October 23rd. I'll be inviting Lions Gate archers to pitch in and help out. Virtually all of the field maintenance is done by volunteers to keep the cost down (and of the memberships) so I feel we should pitch in and do our part. Lady Winifred and I also help out running the ticket sales and the concession at the 3D shoots several times a year as a gesture of good will.

Baronial archery stock

There is a receipt from Kenneth of Shaftesbury for his recent purchase of targets for the Barony, which I'll turn over to the Exchequer for a cheque to reimburse him.

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No injuries to report this month.

Archery in the Barony

Archer participation in Bows and Blades in the Barony of Vulkenfeldt was good. At least four target archers attended, and informal reports are that everyone had a great time, and a number of archers placed very well. Archos Kenneth of Shaftesbury sent out a detailed description of the event to the lists.

The archery season is wrapping up for Royal Rounds. October has been an archery blitz month, with three or four practices held every week, run by Arcos Kenneth of Shaftesbury and myself. It has been a great year for target archers, with several archers achieving personal bests, and more making it into the medallion rankings in the top ten lists-21 medallions as of the end of the October. For personal bests in particular, Archos Aline de Seez earned her Grand Master in Open.

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I will be continuing to hold special weekend shoots throughout the winter, hopefully at least once per month, at the Burnaby Butts. Dates will be posted to the lists, and will be weather dependent. The practices will take into account any local, Tir Righ or Kingdom events. Let's see the archers keep their scores up this winter!

Winter Practices

Discussions are continuing with Academie Duello. Devon Boorman (Don Prospere de Montsegur) is interested in welcoming SCA archers to a new, drop-in target archery practice held at the Academie's hall in downtown Vancouver. The most likely date will be a Sunday, in the early evening for an hour or two. I've asked Don Prospere if he will try to meet the current practice fee rate of \$5 per practice. I'll post information about the new indoor practice once details are settled.

I would like to ask Council on their opinion for a temporary lending of the barony's archery nets to the Academie until such time as they order their own. It takes time for the bulky nets to be shipped, and lending our nets in the interim would allow the new practice to begin sooner.

Burnaby Archery Club (Burnaby Butts practice range) Annual General Meeting

The Burnaby Archery Club held their Annual General Meeting. Archos Kenneth of Shaftesbury and myself attended, along with the Honourable William Arwemakere, who is the Field Director for the Club. The Club's membership numbers are up 100 over the past year, an increase of one third. This good news means the membership fees will not increase for the upcoming year.

The city of Burnaby's plan to move the archery field west, across the roadway, will be happening but not for a number of years. The city will be asking for input from the Club when planning for the new range begins. The dates for the tournaments and 3D shoots next year will be posted soon on the board at the range. I requested the archery field maintenance party dates also be posted on the board after the dates are known, so that SCA archers can plan to attend. There will be two major maintenance parties, in spring and fall. We need more SCA archers to participate in these work parties. If you can stuff plastic bags into bigger plastic bags, or wrap zip ties, you can contribute. There are 3D shoots held several times per year, and a helping out at the concession stand that runs at the 3Ds is another great way to assist the Club, which is what Lady Lady Wymarcha Doiron and myself did a few times this past year. The Burnaby Archery Club is a non-profit organization run by volunteers, similar to the SCA, and like the SCA, many hands make light work.

A concern was raised about steel points from wooden shafts being left behind in the donnaconna fibre mats in the butts, where they can, and are, hit by other arrows. One modern archer lost two arrows (at \$20 apiece) during a recent tournament due to hitting buried points. Glue can fail, so it is always a good idea to carry a push rod in your archery kit, something strong but narrower than the arrow shaft. I'll be posting this suggestion to the lists next month.

SCA archers have been helping to keep the range safer by looking for and removing metal points left stuck in the wood frames of the butts (from both wood shafts and carbon shafts.) These can be a hazard if they have ragged edges.

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