



## *Unto the Populace of Forgotten Sea do Trevor and Svana Give Fair Greetings!*

The time has come for us to step down. Trevor's son is due any time now, and Svana is ready to take a break for a while.

We would like to thank everyone for helping make our tenure a memorable one. We trust that you will be as helpful to Their Excellencies Avraham and Jorunn as you have been to us. There has been a good deal of momentum in making our Barony thrive, and we look forward to seeing that trend continue under Their sure hands.

We cannot say that we've accomplished everything we would have liked during our tenure, but we will say that we're not done yet. There are still projects and events that you will see us lending a hand towards.

Let us finish with this: if you have any ideas or things you'd like to see done – don't hesitate to speak up. You don't have

to be "connected" or "in charge" to help the Barony do cool stuff. Want to run a tournament fought with swords and bucklers? Come out to Curia and bring it up. Want to see the Barony do a day of classes on medieval housewifery? Let Their Excellencies know. Want to see the Barony make a set of medieval feast ware for 80 people? Put it out on one of the email lists.

Point being, if there is one element that our Barony cannot run without it is enthusiasm. Our coolest events happen when one person gets a great idea and runs with it. Don't let someone else determine what you think is fun – get involved!

*Yours In Service,*

*Trevor and Svana  
10th Baron and Baroness of Forgotten Sea*

## *To the Populace of the Barony of Forgotten Sea, Greetings from Your New Baronage!*

We are honored to have been chosen by Their Majesties as the new Baron and Baroness of Forgotten Sea, and pleased beyond words at the chance to serve our friends. We also would like to express our thanks to Trevor and Svana for their work during their time on the Baronial seats. We expect to seek their counsel many times during our stewardship.

We see many challenges ahead, as any new Baron and Baroness would, and many

opportunities, but we cannot do this alone. We want to hear your ideas and your concerns. We have some ideas for a few changes, and many things to keep the same, but we would like to know what you all think. Please feel free to speak with us at any time – we're happy to hear from our old friends and the new friends we will be making in the next few years.

*In service to Crown and Barony,  
Avraham and Jorunn*

## *From the Seneschal*

Congratulations to His Lordship Avraham and Mistress Jorunn on their upcoming ascension to the Baronial thrones. I am looking forward to working closely with them over the next couple of years.

Curia for February and March will stay as currently scheduled on the first Monday,

but will move to the second Monday of the month in April. Please feel free to contact to me with any questions.

I will be contacting various officers in the Barony to talk over quarterly reports, so start looking for my emails.

*HE Malachi*

*Newsletter  
of the Barony  
of Forgotten Sea*

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## **Clothier's Seminar In the Shire of Cúm An Iolair**



**Including BFS Baronial  
Investiture**



**Saturday, February 2**

**8:15 am to 6:30 pm  
(classes begin at 9 am)**

**Wheatridge Middle School  
318 W. Washington St.  
Gardner, KS 66030**

**Site Fee:** \$8 adults (\$3 non-member surcharge). Children 12 and under free.

As of press time, details on the Baronial Investiture had not been finalized. Late-breaking information will be available at [www.bfs-kc.org](http://www.bfs-kc.org).

For Clothier's Seminar schedule, classes and directions, see the event flyer at: <http://www.modaruniversity.org/CS.htm>.

## **Bobbin & Weaving February 8 to 10**

**8415 South Corn, Oak Grove MO**

The 11th Annual Bobbin & Weaving will begin after work on Friday, February 8 and run all weekend. See **pg. five** for details and directions, or go to [www.bfs-kc.org](http://www.bfs-kc.org).

# *The Not So Merry Kings of England (and a Queen or Two)*

*by Her Ladyship Fiona nic Gormliatha*

This is a series about the kings (and queens) of England. It's meant to give a short overview of the rulers of England during most of the times we call Period and what they were like.

I am going to start with the Norman Conquest in 1066 for several reasons:

1. Most of the kings before that period were Anglo-Saxons that spent a lot of time being chased all over the country by recent immigrants (the Danes).

2. Few were truly kings, maybe having most of the country under their rule while they were killing or getting killed by relatives who thought they could do a better job – or by the aforementioned recent immigrants.

3. The kings of that time were elected by the Witan, a group of powerful nobles who had their own agendas.

4. They all had interchangeable names, like Egbert, Edwy, Edgar, Ethelrelf, Alfred (the Great, I always wondered if he felt left out of the “Ed” naming thing), making them hard to keep track of, let alone characterize.

That being said, I have to start with the Anglo-Saxon that got the ball rolling up to 1066 and the arrival of William the Bast...the love child.

I'm talking about Edward the Confessor (1002?-1066), direct descendant of Alfred the Great – the king who got the idea of having strictly enforced immigration limits for England.

The first time Edward is mentioned in the Anglo-Saxon chronicles is in 1013-14, when his father, King Ethelred, sends him from Normandy to England to act as a messenger boy. Ethelred and his family had been driven out of England. Here was this 11 or 12 year-old boy, sent by his father with a message suggesting that “all (your betrayals) will be forgiven – if allowed to return, I will be a better king, honest!” He sent his youngest son, hoping that they would listen to the poor exiled kid and take his erring (but English born and bred) father back as king. After all, at worst, what could happen? They could kill young Edward, but so what? Ethelred had two more at home and could make more.

Unfortunately, the Danes unanimously elected Swein's son Canute as king, and

about the same time Ethelred got into a quarrel with his eldest son, Edmund, who went off in a huff on his own. Worn out from all this fuss Ethelred died April 23, 1016, and Edmund took up the family cause, battling it out with Canute for the English throne.

Edmund, called “Ironside” and Canute fought each other to a standstill and decided to divide the country between them. Less than a year later however, the hearty Edmund expired suddenly, leaving the country in turmoil until the Witan elected Canute king over all of Britain (as well as Denmark, Norway and part of the Baltic lands). Canute cemented his position by taking a wife, Ethelred's widow, Emma (Edward's mom), who also happened to be the daughter of Robert I, the powerful Duke of Normandy.

Although there was talk that Canute had something to do with Edmund's sudden death, Edward was only 15 in 1017, and he had already lost most of his relatives to England (including his mom!), so he was disinclined to try for the crown.

Canute ruled for 18 years. After his death, his sons put the kingdom in such turmoil that they sent to Normandy for a

new ruler. Now it was Edward up to bat. He was 39 or 40 when he was voted in by the Witan and crowned king in 1042. Soon after, he married the daughter of the man who had spearheaded the movement to put one of Alfred's line back on the throne of England – Godwin, the powerful earl (jarl) of Wessex.

Edward soon found that he had the father-in-law from hell. For one thing Harold, Godwin's eldest son, killed Edward's older brother, Alfred, while he was visiting England in 1036 (supposedly on Godwin's orders). Godwin, whose family had come up from nothing in less than a generation dreamed of having his sons or someone of his line sitting on the throne of England.

In addition, Edward found that he was having trouble influencing his Anglo-Saxon

nobles, since he preferred things Norman. Some say that Edward in his piety prayed to God for guidance and was given a vision wherein God told him to remain celibate and do good works.

Others claim that this was the “cunning of the dove” – that in this way, Edward ensured that no grandson of Godwin's would sit on the English throne. So Edward built numerous abbeys and churches, culminating in his famous church in the West of London, ever afterwards known as Westminster Abbey.

Things came to a head between Edward and Godwin in 1051. At this time, one of Edward's favorite advisors, the Count of Boulogne (and his entourage) were attacked by the people of Dover. Since Dover was part of the earldom of Wessex, Edward ordered Godwin to punish his people, and Godwin refused. Things escalated from there until Godwin, after an unsuccessful rebellion, was exiled.

During this year of exile, William of Normandy came to England to visit his

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cousin Edward. If you will remember, Emma, Edward's mother, was the daughter of William's great-grandfather – making them first cousins once

removed (yes, this makes my head hurt too!). During this visit – as William was to later claim – the childless Edward indicated that after his death he couldn't think of anyone better to leave England's crown to than his dear cousin Will.

In 1052 Edward was forced to invite Earl Godwin back from exile but only had to put up with his dad-in-law for another year as Godwin expired in 1053. But Godwin's sons kept up the pressure for the heirless Edward to pick one of them as successor to the Crown. Harold led the pack and thought he had it in the bag, being a great warrior and all.

So he was very put out when Edward invited his nephew (son of Edmund Ironside) and namesake Edward the Exile to England in 1057. But Edward died under mysterious

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## The Not So Merry Kings of England, continued

circumstances and Harold Godwinson was suspected to have a hand in the death or at least of smiling excessively when he heard the news. Harold decided to lay low for a while and went to beat up on some Welshmen and then took a fateful voyage in 1064 that ended up with him shipwrecked on the Norman coast.

He was brought before William of course and while a prisoner/guest at the Norman court, he was forced to swear an oath upholding the love child's claim to England's throne. There was even talk of Harold wedding William's sister to seal the deal.

But Edward, now 62 or 63, fell ill and Harold hot-footed it back home to England. Edward rallied a bit and lasted until Westminster Abbey was consecrated in December of 1065, with Edward's deathbed set up in the sacred place where he met his maker January 6, 1066.

Harold supposedly conferred with Edward in private and claimed that Edward left him the Crown finally so that the kingdom would be secure. But when he had Edward buried the very next day and became the first of many kings crowned in the Abbey soon after, a lot of people considered it unseemly haste.

One of these people was William, who got himself a Papal bull to invade England and unseat this oath-breaking usurper. Who cared what the Witan thought. As far as he was concerned, Harold II of England wouldn't be king long!

Edward was one of the first of many English kings (and other famous folk) to be buried at Westminster Abbey. He was considered so pious in life that in 1161 Pope Alexander III canonized him, making him a saint and giving him the title of Confessor.

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## Bloody Trident Inn Recap

Had I known how much fun it could be to autocrat an event, I wouldn't have waited 20 years in the SCA to try it. With plenty of enthusiastic help, we flew through 12 hours of fun with hardly a snag. The only major sadness in our day was the absence of our Baroness due to illness (and even then, she rose from her sick bed to let us in the building and make sure that we had what we needed to start the day).

Many of the props needed for the event were created during the weeks and months proceeding the big day, including the production of coins for gambling by **HL Avraham** and **HL Brian** (not the plastic ones!). They were counted and bagged in advance as well, to be handed out at troll by **Ly. Lorraine** and those she had helping her there all afternoon.

It was a cold day for outdoor fighting, but an intrepid little band of warriors donned their armor and waded in. Marshal **Ld. Brendan** and list mistress **Countess Branwen** led them through a round robin tourney, won by **HL Reimond**. **HL Aidon** was victorious in the bar room brawl. He was heard to say later in court "I wasn't lookin' for trouble. Me and the baby were just drinkin' when the fight broke out!" (Ask the participants where the baby came from.)

During the afternoon, patrons of the Inn learned to play period card, dice and board games, as well as one rumored to be an SCA construct, but none-the-less fun and appropriate for this event. Pit Boss **Ld. Primyterious** (who has a different registered name known only to him and Ines) led tours of the games, most of which he had constructed himself. Meanwhile, around the fireplace, **Master Melitus** led a stimulating discussion on A&S competitions, and **Ly. Constance** recorded all of the activity on camera.

Many also tried their hand at throwing darts, created by Archer Marshal **Ld. Gerald Kendall**. That lively competition continued on into the evening.

At the same time, **Ly. Alianora**, **Mistress Gwen** and **Ly. Miranda**, with the help of **Countess Brialen**, **Fionn** and others, turned the bountiful donations brought by the Inn patrons into four delicious soups and mounds of diverse breads. After a short but lively court, the bar opened under the watchful eye of head bartender **Ly. Lisette**,

servicing a variety of beer, wine, cider and mead – all donated by members of the Barony, including **Her Royal Highness**.



After eating our fill (plus some!) we gathered our coins and entered the gaming hall. **HL Margarite** soothed the mounting excitement with gentle strains from her harp until we were finally let loose to the tables and darts by Pit Boss Primyterious' cry of "let the games begin!"

Throughout the evening there were shouts of jubilation and moans of despair as fortunes were won and lost. These were underscored by exciting tales told by **Ld. Ulfr**, sword dancing by **HL Layla's** beautiful and graceful troupe, drum and concertina music from **HL Mathurin** and **Ld. Michael Dugger**, and a performance of the ever-popular "Compact Between Horse and Man" (aka, the Horse Song) by **HL Dorcas**.

When the gaming hall finally closed, all retired to the feast hall, where the dessert tables still groaned with the weight of the generosity of the Inn patrons, who had brought their best sweets. Here commenced an exciting auction led by **Master Christopher Amber**, and conducted only in "Tridents" – the coin of the day. Prizes ranged from the common to the unique: from toys to armor to hand-made ceramic steins and shot glasses commemorating the opening day of the Inn. Once again, the generosity of the populace in donating the prizes resulted in a rollicking culmination of the day, which was an event and a post-revel rolled into one.

For me, the best part of the day was when I walked into the gaming hall and found it loud with laughter, song and the rolling of dice, with a blazing fire warming the stone and timber building. It was one of those moments where all of the elements fall into place, and the Bloody Trident Inn was a real place. I believe that's what is known in our Society as a "magic moment," and it was most satisfying.

*Ly. Ylva Jonsdottir*

## Fiber Arts Largesse Project



The Forgotten Sea Fiber Group has decided to make a largesse project for the Barony. We will be pooling our efforts to create pillows for the Baronial thrones to comfort the Baronial Backsides.

We are planning pillows out of handwoven fabric with tablet woven edges, kumihimo piping, tassels, and embroidered and appliqued trident trees. If anyone missed the meeting and would like to contribute their efforts to the project, let me know. All help is appreciated.

*HL Luzia*

## Greetings from the Exchequer

By now most of you know that the Kingdom has new troll forms. The new forms are color coded. Adult forms will always be white and minors forms will be yellow.

These new forms make it easier to account for the non-member surcharge, since the troll volunteers fill in how much each person paid as each person signs in.

**Just a reminder:** If you volunteer time at Estrella, Calontir gets paid per hour that you volunteer. Just make sure you notify the person in charge at the time you volunteer.

*Ld. Bjami Ulfarsson*

## Greetings from Your Aston Tor Correspondent

Aston Tor is gearing up for a busy new year. Our new seneschal, A'ine nic Taillieur, is planning on re-instituting separate business meetings for the group. We also have a new A&S minister, Kristine nic Taillieur, who is planning a great variety of classes and activities for the coming year. We would love to have everyone join us for fun, learning and companionship.

Thursday, January 10, we had a feast. We were very happy to have our future Baronage, Mistress Jorunn and HL Avraham, attend. The food was wonderful, as usual.

On a sad note, Baroness Briana, who is a member of Cúm an Iolar, but also an active participant in our group, lost her mother on January 9. We love Briana deeply and hope that we can be of help in her healing process. Briana gives so much to all of us. She has a great heart.

Bobbin & Weaving is coming up February 8 through 10. Many of you have attended in the past and know what a great time we have. I have put the information and directions on a number of email sites. It also is on the Baronial website and in the box on the next page. Please join us for a great weekend. You are also more than welcome to just attend on Saturday for a day trip. Many people do.

*Until next month,*

*Johanne of Fisher Gate, your friendly Tor reporter*

## To the Gentles of Loch Smythe

We are starting to gear up again after the holidays, and we're going back to the original schedule of the first Thursday being the business meeting and the third Thursday being the A&S meeting.

As a group we are talking about what we want to learn in our A&S classes and who would teach it. So if you know anyone that would be interested in teaching a class, please let Lady Annora know. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to teach a class.

All meetings are held at the firehouse in Smithville, Missouri. We are across the street from the QT convenience store, in the firehouse on Hwy. 169. With these short winter days, the firehouse appears dark, so just find the door with an awning and enter. All meetings are scheduled to start at 7 pm. We are in the community room.

With the space available in the community room, we have the option to spread out, so we are trying to organize a belly dancing class. It is just for fun, and the class will be taught with video instruction, using the first session of "Shimmy." There are no experts here, just girls wanting to have fun, so if you want come join us, please do so. As for those who don't want to dance, there is a smaller room available if you would like to think of something to do. Just let me know what day and week is good for the group, and I will schedule the rooms.

I also want to say welcome to their Excellencies, Avarham and Jorunn, not to mention all the officers switching positions. Everyone is welcome to come join us. We are sorry to see Trevor, Svana and Brian leave, but we hope to build a new relationship with all the new people at the Barony of Forgotten Sea.

If you have any questions please feel free to join our contact group Yahoo list at [lochsmythe@yahoo.com](mailto:lochsmythe@yahoo.com) or you may call Garrioch at 816-309-6127.

*Mea Giuseppi de Firenze  
Chronicler and Chatelaine of Loch Smythe*

## Roll of Deeds

### *A place to honor the accomplishments of others in Forgotten Sea*

Congratulations to **Layla bint Ali**, who became a member of the Order of the Calon Lily at Twelfth Night. Layla has done significant research in Middle Eastern clothing, dance and life during SCA period. And she balances a sword on her head effortlessly!

Congratulations to **Lord Gerald Kendall**, who received the Silver Griffin, a Baronial award for accomplishment in an area of endeavor, for making the period darts used at the Bloody Trident Inn.

Also at the Baronial Quarter Court held during the Bloody Trident Inn event, **Lord Ansa al-Uqlidsi al-Inkhimi (Primyerious)**, **Lady Ylva Jonsdottir** and **Lord Brendan Mac an tSaioir** were added to the rolls of the Order of the Escallop, an award given for service to the Barony.

Others honored during Baronial Court for their efforts to make the Bloody Trident Inn a reality were **Lord Treutvin Ingelfinger**, **Lady Alianora Jehenette du Almondier**, **Lady Lorraine Deveraux**, **HL Mathurin Kerbusso** and **HL Avraham ben David haKuzari**. Baron Trevor gave them Roman coins for their efforts.

*The Clarion* is available online in .pdf format at [www.bfs-kc.org](http://www.bfs-kc.org). If the tiny type bedevils your aging eyes, you can read the .pdf version on your computer at 135 or 150 percent magnification.

## Crest Construction Help

Do you want to fight in TRH Coronation Crest Tournament, but don't have a thing to wear?

I can help. I've got construction styrofoam that will work admirably for crests and a shop to work it in.

If you don't want to screw up your current helmet, or would like to wear something later in period for this tournament, I've also got helmets that I don't mind putting holes into to accept crests that I'm willing to lend.

Of course, this offer is for *help* – I'm not able to do the entire project for you. But, this should get you well on your way.

If you're interested, I'm still hosting armor nights on Tuesdays. Drop me a line for directions.

*YIS, Trevor*  
[liquidlion68@yahoo.com](mailto:liquidlion68@yahoo.com)

## Website Worth a Look

### The Latin Motto Generator

Sir Logan's recent standard-making class left many of us scratching our heads as we tried to find appropriate Latin mottos for our standards.

Dona Ines suggested the **Latin Motto Generator** as a good place to start.

The site takes common Latin nouns found in family mottos and combines them in very simple ways to help you develop a Latin motto of your own.

For example, the first (and simplest) generator combines a noun and a noun, such as *Deus et patria* (God and country.) Nearly 40 nouns allow you to find the combination you need.

Other choices include noun, noun and noun; noun, transitive verb, noun (such as *Deus me vocat* [God calls/is calling me]); from/out of noun, noun; and in noun, noun.

The website says "These scripts will not render anything as complex as *Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem* (By the sword she seeks peace, but peace only under liberty), but there is plenty of depth and pathos in the results you might get."

<http://www.inrebus.com/latinmottogenerator.php>

## Eleventh Annual Bobbin & Weaving, 2008

February 8 (after work), February 9 and 10

*A'ine nic Taillieur's Manor, 8415 South Corn, Oak Grove, MO*  
(See directions below)

Bring your latest project and join us for a weekend of fun. Contact Johanne ([johannefg@thelabyrinth.net](mailto:johannefg@thelabyrinth.net)) ahead of time about supplies you might need for learning a new art or craft, or if there is something in particular you would like to learn or teach..

Friday night is for arrival, visiting and settling in. Saturday will be spent visiting and working on projects or swimming – yes, swimming. A'ine has an indoor pool, so bring your suits. There is also an elevator for those of us who are stair challenged. We will have a potluck Saturday evening, movies in the theater or more work and visiting if you prefer. Sunday we usually make a run to the Yarn Barn and have lunch in Lawrence, Kansas. You are welcome to come all weekend or just one day.

More information is available at <http://www.bfs-kc.org/Bobbin&Weaving.html>.

### Directions:

**From I-70:** Exit at the Grain Valley exit (about the 24.5 mile marker). Turn south and go about 3.5 miles. Then turn left on to Nebgen (the right side says Major). Go about one block then turn right (this will be Corn). Go about 1/2 mile. The driveway is on the left. White fence, numbers on the post – you will not be able to see the house from the street.

**From 50 Highway:** exit at the Grain Valley exit (between the exits for Blue Springs and Oak Grove). Go north about 8.5 miles then turn right onto Nebgen (the right side says Major). Go about one block then turn right (this will be Corn). Go about 1/2 mile. The driveway is on the left. White fence, numbers on the post – again, you will not be able to see the house from the street.

*Hope to see many of you there,*  
*Johanne*

Did you know the money in the Barony of Forgotten Sea's accounts is everyone's money? If there is a class that would benefit everyone – or at least be available to everyone – there is a very good chance we could purchase supplies for the project.

Please let me know your ideas or suggestion, and I will bring it before our finance committee. – *Ld. Bjarni Ulfarsson*

## Amusing Website of the Month

### The Shakespearian Insult Kit

High-minded phrases in ancient languages not quite your thing? Try the Shakespearian Insult Kit developed by Jerry Maguire, an English teacher at Center Grove High School in Greenwood, Indiana.

The web page includes three columns of words arranged alphabetically. To construct an insult, combine one word from each of the three columns and preface it with "Thou."

For example, the first three words in each column are listed below:

artless	base-court	apple-john
bawdy	bat-fowling	baggage
beslubbering	beef-witted	barnacle

Rearrange in any order to create Shakespearian-style insults just perfect for those who irritate you most: "Thou beslubbering, bat-fowling apple-john!" Even if you don't know what an apple-john is, it certainly sounds impressive.

<http://housebarra.com/PastTimes/articles/insult.html>

## *Blast from the Past: September 1993 Coronation*

by *Mistress Jenna of Southwind*

*(An excerpt from a personal letter to an SCA friend in the West)*

You were so interested to hear of our last Coronation, that I wanted to make sure to tell you about this one. The order for the day was games, in honor of the incoming Queen's reputation as a diligent researcher in the field. The populace played all sorts, all day long, and the A&S entries in this area were numerous. One of the playing sets entered was even edible!

Midday TRM Kensor and Brayden wrapped up a few bits of business. TRM Caid sent a very warm letter with promises of help in peace or war. The members of the retinue were dismissed, but before TRM could step down a messenger burst into Court. He announced how the infidel Christians had taken the city of Jerusalem, the Holy Land was aflame, and the Caliph was so stricken by the news that he would permit no one to raise a hand in assistance.

I myself was uplifted to hear the holy sites were free from the hands of the Paynim, but Brayden follows the teachings of the Prophet, and this was grievous news to her – as is all such news of war. This was a call she must meet, and without Calontir. So the Queen begged to be freed of her oaths so that she might prepare to go, and she was. The Chivalry was called, and alone the King awaited his successor.

When he entered, the populace stood. The Chivalry halted the newcomer until his identity was confirmed by Seneschal, Earl Marshal, Gold Falcon Herald and the man whom he had defeated in the final round of Crown Tournament. Then was Lorell of Shrewsbury given the warning of the burdens of the crown, and swore he to bear it.

Normally, the crown is taken from the empty thrones in Calontir, not from the predecessor's hands. But even this time – when Kensor took off the Crown for Lorell to swear upon it – as he gave it to Lorell he ceased to be King, and for a brief moment Calontir held its breath for it had no monarch, and the Chivalry's wall of drawn swords and ready hearts contained the magic and the power lest it scatter never to be recalled. Then Lorell crowned himself, and Count Kensor dropped to his knees before his King.

Having ruled once before, it was with real feeling that Lorell told the populace

that the Crown is too heavy a burden to bear alone. He bid the herald call his chosen consort, Illya. She came amid many attendants all magnificently garbed after the fashion of the people of the Rus. She was challenged and warned in her own right, and bid to swear her oaths. She did so. In Russian. She did the whole court in Russian.

The woman at her side whispering in her ear was a translator, giving Illya's words in English when needful. It was wonderful. At the end of the court HRM Lorell asked all the populace to introduce themselves to the Queen, in the hopes that with plenty of exposure she could pick up our language by feast. We all laughed – it is good to laugh at a Coronation.

The feast was declared delicious, and my lady mother is laughing yet at the antics of the jester, Master Angus. He offered to juggle any three things that could be carried to him. He was brought a basket, a lit candle, and Sir Semjaka. Fortunately Semjaka was not set on fire.

This air of levity extended to evening court. Awaiting the beginning of those ceremonies some in the populace took pieces of paper and began to toy with variants of Maestro deVinci's designs for flying devices, sailing them to and from even to the side of the Seneschal at his post behind the thrones. Apologizing for the delay in court, His Majesty added, "I hope you managed to amuse yourselves." Hertzog Shadan then presented to TRM the plane that reached the thrones. Thus was born the Calontir Royal Air Force.

That court included the rare occurrence in the Known World of the populace being allowed to swear fealty to the new Crown. Then Eleanor d'Atun was made a Baroness of the Court. This led to something very funny when two Fyrdmen were made a few minutes later. Bns. Eleanor is a Fyrdman, and went up to participate in the Ancient and Honorable Ritual for new Fyrdmen. Before it could be performed, Master Roderick came running up, toddler under one arm, to retrieve the new coronet for safekeeping as the new Baroness participated in one of the best DogPiles I have ever seen. The flying leap and belly-flop onto the top of the pile of Fyrdmen by Caithen was so spectacular that I scarcely can remember the rest of court.

*Yours, Jenna*

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1	2 Clothier's Seminar and Baronial Investiture Cum an Iolair (South Johnson Co.)
3	4 Curia, 7 pm Cedar Roe Library	5 Armor Workshop 6 pm, Trevor's (call to confirm)	6 Fighter Practice/Populace 6:30 pm, WRCC	7 Loch Smythe, 7 pm, Firehouse in Smithville	8	9
10 Bobbin & Weaving at A'ine nic Taillieur's (see pg. 5 for details)	11	12 Armor Workshop 6 pm, Trevor's (call to confirm)	13 Fighter Practice/Populace 6:30 pm, WRCC	14 Aston Tor, 7 pm Chapel Hill Church	15	16 Estrella War Atenvelt (Florence, AZ)
17	18	19 Armor Workshop 6 pm, Trevor's (call to confirm)	20 Fighter Practice/Populace 6:30 pm, WRCC	21 Loch Smythe, 7 pm, Firehouse in Smithville	22	23 Chieftains Three Rivers (St. Louis, MO)
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See several months' worth of local and Kingdom activities on the online calendar at <http://bfs-kc.org/calendar/month.php>.

**Baronial fighter practice and populace meetings** are held at the Westport Roanoke Community Center, 3601 Roanoke Rd., Kansas City, MO, every Wednesday beginning at 6:30 pm. Contact HE Malachi at 913-268-6383 for more information.

**Canton of Aston Tor** meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7 pm at the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, 40 Hwy. at Woods Chapel Rd., Blue Springs, MO. Contact A'ine nic Taillieur at 816-223-9907 for more information.

The **Loch Smythe contact group** holds its business meeting on the first Thursday of the month at the firehouse in Smithville, MO. It

holds an A&S meeting on the third Thursday at the firehouse. Please contact Garrioch Sotherlaend at 816-309-6127 or [dsutherland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dsutherland@sbcglobal.net) for the most up-to-date information.

HE Trevor of Chinon usually hosts an **armor making workshop** on Tuesday nights at his home in Overland Park. Call him at 913-226-3593 for directions.

HL Luzia usually hosts a **Fiber Guild** get together once a month at her home in Lone Jack, MO. This month Bobbin & Weaving will take place instead. Call Luzia at 816-697-3845 about next month.

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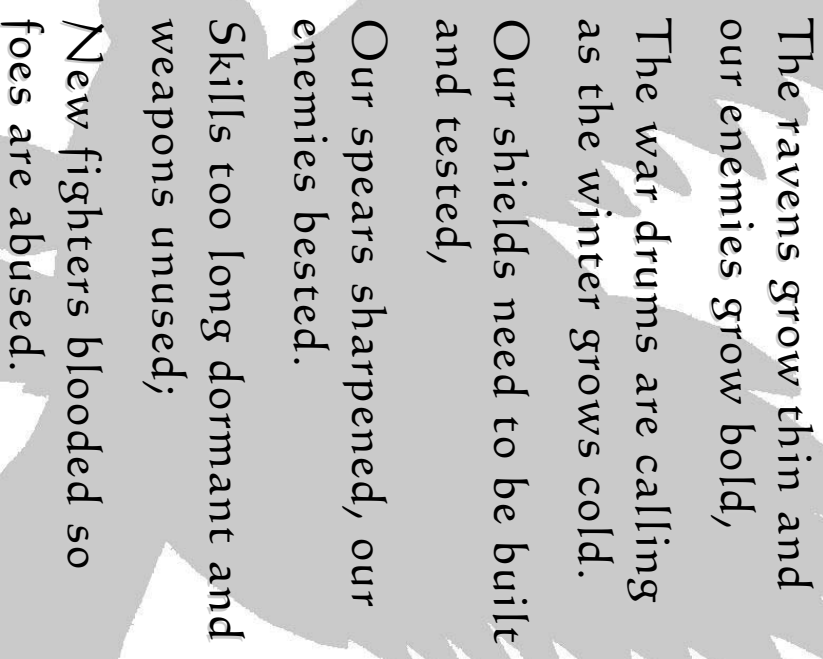
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The ravens grow thin and  
our enemies grow bold,  
The war drums are calling  
as the winter grows cold.  
Our shields need to be built  
and tested,  
Our spears sharpened, our  
enemies bested.  
Skills too long dormant and  
weapons unused;  
New fighters blooded so  
foes are abused.

— Lord Bjarni Ulfarsson

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