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A LETTER FROM OUR BARON Ulrich Halfdon Ulfsson

Hailsa!

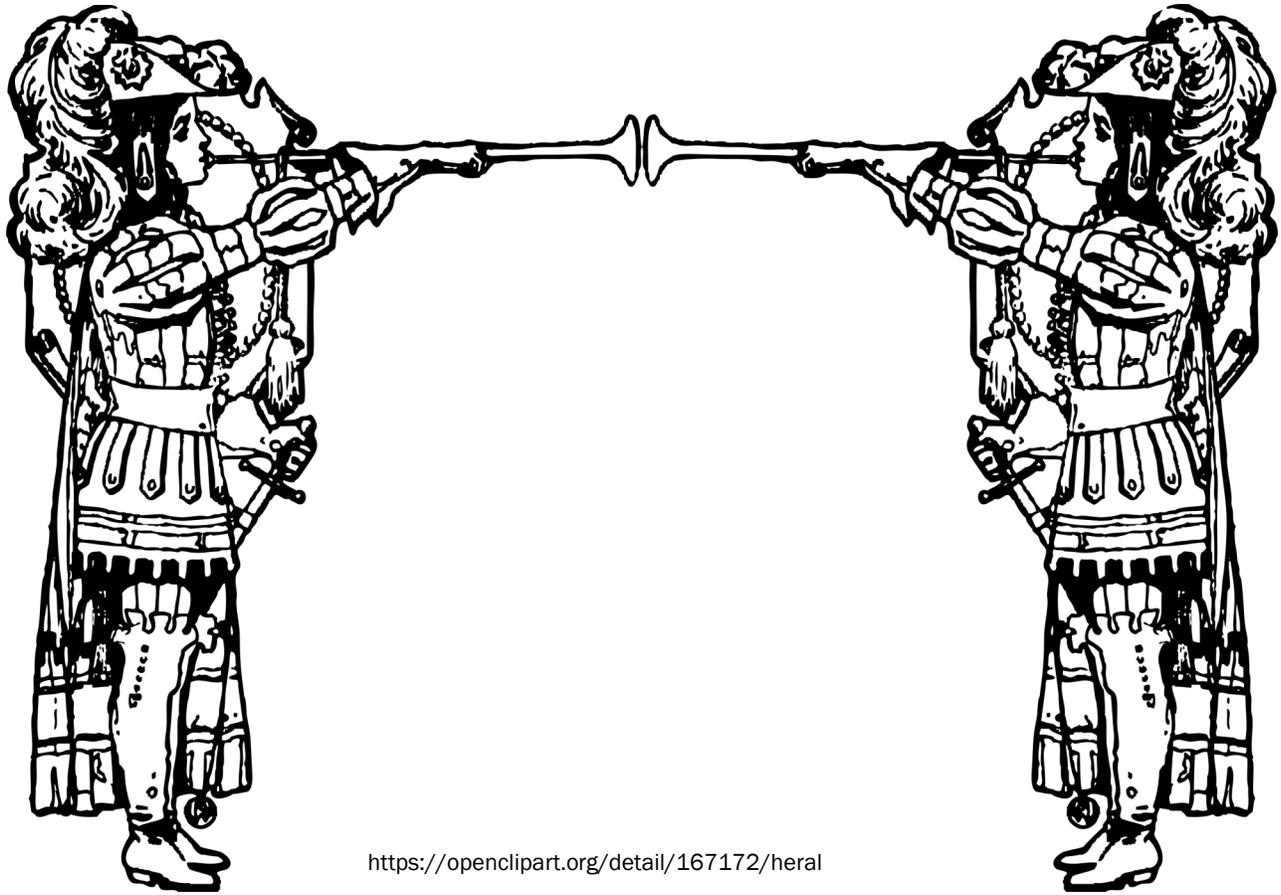
I hope this finds you all in good health and better spirits. Spring is upon us once again and the world is awakening from its long winter slumber. Even before we lay our crops in for the season some of our Barony have traveled south to answer the drums of war at the Gulf. I thank everyone who heeded the call of Their Majesties in support of our southern allies, as always the cry is "where the Midrealm goes, victory goes."

Very soon we will once again host the coronation of our new sovereigns. I look forward to seeing our great Barony step up and show the entire kingdom hospitality and friendship. If you are able I encourage you to volunteer somewhere at Coronation so that many can shoulder the burden making it lighter for all. I thank you all for everything you do to make Shadowed Stars great!

The campaign season will be upon us soon. Prepare your armor, sharpen your swords, and stand ready to stand with the Dragon army. Safe travels to everyone and I hope to see you all soon.

Yours in Service,

Ulrich



<https://openclipart.org/detail/167172/heral>

BARONIAL CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

April 2019

Weekly Activities

Sundays: Sunday Fighter Practice, and Fencing Practice

Mondays: Monday Sewing Nights

Business Meeting: Monday April 22nd

Equestrian Practice: April 28th,

Rings and Tippet Tag

May 2019

Weekly Activities

Sundays: Sunday Fighter Practice, and Fencing Practice

Coronation of Edmund and Kateryn: May 3rd -5th

Business Meeting: Monday TBD

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June 2019

Weekly Activities

Sundays: Sunday Fighter Practice, and Fencing Practice

Mondays: Monday Sewing Nights

Business Meeting: Monday June 24th

Equestrian Practice: June 12th,

Heads and Spears/Javelin

NOTE:

For the times, locations, class information, and most up-to-date info on these and other Shadowed Stars activities, please visit the Baronial Calendar online at: <http://shadowedstars.midrealm.org/calendar>.

Also check recent posts on the Shadowed Stars Facebook group page for last-minute updates and possible cancelations or schedule changes.

Introducing our New Minister of Arts and Sciences

Lady Kolfinna

Photo Credit: Lady Kolfinna and Brian Mohacker



Hello, my name is Kolfinna (most people call me Finna) MKA Stacy Malloy. I have been in the SCA for about 15 years, I started out in Rivenstar (Lafayette, IN local group) where I did equestrian, heavy fighting, and archery. My main focus there was equestrian and heavy fighting. I moved up to Shadowed Stars in 2014 and I am very excited to become more active in the local group.

I am currently working on my Equestrian Marshal in Training, Fencing, Heavy field archery, thrown weapons, and archery. I have studied A&S in the past such as viking wire weaving, horse barding, garb making, jewelry making, glass beading just to name a few. After speaking to our contact at Tek Venture and learning what they would like from us as well as knowing the talented artisans we have in Shadowed Stars, I am really excited about the partnership with Tek and the endless opportunities it provides to develop classes and the abilities to learn new things. You never know, you might find yourself like me and find a passion for things that you never knew you had and interest in!



Arts and Sciences are those skills, crafts, and technologies that were practiced within the time period and the cultures covered by the SCA.



Examples: Beekeeping, Sewing, Coining, Cooking, Historical Martial Arts, Blacksmithing, Weaving, Brewing, Jewelry Making, Woodworking, Painting, Calligraphy, Illumination, Papermaking, Embroidery, Shoemaking, Tent design and creation, Research, Music, Perfumery, Hair braiding, Fabric Stamping, Sword-Smithing, Book Binding, Falconry, and ETC.

Gulfwars
XXVIII

Mistress
Maggie
MacKeith

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and
Astridr Zahra
Ymirsdottir

After 32 years in the SCA, I finally made it to my first Gulf Wars. We left on Friday, caravanning with Jess and Nim from Chicagoland--we met them in Zionsville and had lunch at the Lemon Bar, where Laney (our daughter) is the chef. We stopped for the night just south of Nashville, TN, on the way down. I had reserved us a room at a Quality Inn. Little did I know that, in the South, lots of what would be hotels here are really motels there. So, we trudged up a flight of stairs to our second floor room, with an external door. We had a couple giggles at the room and the dog show participants staying there and fell asleep.

Saturday, we continued our trek south, swapping drivers and laughs as we went. We hit a distillery in Kentucky and tried a few new spirits, which we had to take with us, of course. We decided to have lunch some place local and stopped at "Squealers" in Meridian, Mississippi. Great BBQ lunch and we were back on the way.

We had rented a house, about 30 minutes from site. There were 12 of us total who stayed there. It was amazing!! There was room for everyone and there was an awesome kitchen. I'd stay there sometime, just as a vacation.

Fergus went to site Saturday night to set up our storage tent. Jess and I went shopping and got supplies for the house. Sunday morning, we were off to New Orleans with several of our housemates and Their Majesties, A'kos and Bella. It was hot and muggy, but very fun to see.



The little corner of the battlefield that Midrealm was near was a great place to have the camp and feel like you were really in the thick of things. We had lots of people there that we knew, from all over the Kingdom, including our Barony's own Mael and Prudence, and Halldora. Geneva and Gwendolyn weren't too far away and seemed to have a lot of fun, too.

Fergus and I turned out to be the only people from TRM's staff at Gulf Wars, so there was a lot of work to be done. I had made a schedule for TRM to review and built a retainer schedule, as well. But, never having been to Gulf Wars, I had no idea what to expect.

We spent most of the week taking care of TRM and their needs. I walked almost 35 miles! We certainly learned a lot about the inner workings of a reign. They were staying in an RV on site, due to Her Majesty's allergies, so we would go there first thing each morning and get them started. Most days included fighting. His Majesty fought both heavy and rapier and Her Majesty cheered on the army from the sidelines.

Opening Ceremonies were on Tuesday and seeing all the assembled Royals process in on their horses was beautiful to behold. Our own Gwendolyn led Her Majesty, Bella, through the site on Keira's back.



On Wednesday, I took Her Majesty back to New Orleans, as she had to fly home for a day to teach a class.

I saw Geneva a bit, though she was busy working with the equestrians and helping with their tournaments. Gwendolyn, too, was with the horsies much of the time and did very well in the jousting. I can say that they were both having a great time, whenever I saw them. I did love seeing people ride the site throughout the week. I saw Halldora in camp a bit. She looked like she was having fun too, although I did hear tell that she ended up having to teach a class she went to attend. Mael and Prudence were busy fighting on the rapier list and I saw some fairly amazing feats from them both...again, with smiles from ear to ear.

On Thursday, our housemates offered to cover His Majesty so that Fergus and I could spend some time together. We got to do a little shopping and visiting with friends. That afternoon, we picked Her Majesty up at the airport on Thursday and raced her back to site for Court. It was a close thing, since her flight was delayed, but we made it only 20-30 minutes late. Another first: I got to be the person standing behind the chairs and handing Her Majesty the award tokens! I really felt like I was part of the magic in those moments. Seeing the faces of those award recipients from that angle is something I will not forget.

On Friday, Her Majesty and I took some time packing up their RV and we watched battles from the sidelines. Once again, our King fought both heavy and rapier and represented the kingdom very well.



All in all, it was a good, but incredibly busy, week. I feel like I missed out on the spirit of Gulf Wars that I have heard so much about. I didn't get to attend any classes, or go to the A&S Display area or the Green Dragon—I was too tired at the end of the day to do anything but head back to our rental. I would like to go again, when I am not part of anyone's staff, and actually take in the event. I'd love to hear some of your stories about Gulf Wars and what you love about the event!

Getting in the Know with Your SMO



Dame
Hadley of
Beckenham

GET IN THE KNOW WITH YOUR SMO

Welcome to the Get in the Know with Your SMO! I hope to give you some insight in each news-letter on what is going on with Social Media communications in the SCA, Our Kingdom and Our Barony. You can message me questions that you would like to have answered here on fb thru the Shadowed Stars Page or via my email shadowedstars.socialmedia@midrealm.org. Let's start with the basics!

What does SMO stand for?

SMO stands for Social Media Officer. We have a Kingdom Social Media Office – THL Sarah Ketillswif, who reports directly to the Kingdom Seneschal. Each group – Shire or Barony has been asked to appoint a SMO for their group. In the barony of Shadowed Stars - Hadley of Beckenham (me!) is the local SMO.

What does a SMO do?

A SMO has many responsibilities the biggest being creating and maintaining group compliance with the SCA Social Media Policy. We insure that our "official" fb pages and groups all have the proper disclaimers, and that multi-layer admin group is in place for each. We monitor posts for compliance to the policy – no bullying or spam or irreverent posts to name a few. We also usually act as the groups Event Social Media person – creating the fb events the group is hosting and posting the information on various social media outlets.

What is the difference between an Official fb page and Non-Official fb page?

Official fb pages are in compliance with the Social Media policy and official SCA business can be discussed on these pages. Official business examples would be – minutes from business meetings, volunteer requests, demo information, event information.

Non-Official fb pages are not in compliance with the Social Media policy and official SCA business (examples above) cannot be discussed on these pages and will be removed. Non-official business examples would be – "hey I need help moving or with xyz", something for sale that would pertain to the SCA, off topic subjects such as available mundane jobs.

Our Barony does a great job of self-policing on the official business vs non-official business. If the SMO sees a post that does not belong on a page – we will ask you to remove and explained why it is not acceptable.

How can my local SMO help me?

Your local SMO can create fb events for you when you are event steward or hosting a local activity such as practices or A&S work sessions. If these are weekly or month activities, we can create a reoccurring event for you that pushes out reminders in the groups prior to the event.

Your local SMO can post information as the Barony (not as an individual) on FB – if you have information you want everyone to see in the Barony to see in each of the Baronies group – let us know!

Next time in get to know your SMO we will be discussing Event Social Media communication and any other questions you have.

Yours in Service,

Dame Hadley of Beckenham

Shadowed Stars SMO

Rapier Updates

Andries
von
Voorburg
der
Erlund



Happy Spring Shadowed Stars. I'd like to introduce my self as the new rapier marshal in the barony having taken over the position this past summer from Rashid. We all are very grateful for his service to our barony and kingdom. We now have a growing community with new fencers along with some familiar faces. To get these new members on the field, we are in need of some loaner equipment and I would ask for some volunteers the help with making under hoods and gorgets. With our newer fencers, we are working our way through 'The Duelists Companion' by Guy Windsor with the goal of getting everyone authorized and fighting at events. I recommend this book for all newer fencers to have a copy to work from at home. I look forward to this fighting season and seeing all of the fencers of the barony, old and new, at practices and events.

Draco Invictus

Andries von Voorburg der Erlund



Draco
Invictus!!

Baron
Fergus
Mac-
Pherson

Photo Credit:
Fergus Mac-
Pherson

Domsday



Draco Invictus!!

There is a saying at Gulf Wars... "Where the Dragon goes, victory follows." I can finally say it is true. Maggie and I decided to follow our King and Queen to war. It was the first time for both of us, but won't be the last. The horror stories you hear about Gulf Wars mainly concern the weather or the fire ants. Neither seemed to be a problem.. a little wind, a little rain, a little humidity, but nothing bad. The first day of war involved the fort and moat battle. The temp and humidity weren't great, but warriors of the Midrealm dove into the thick of things. We controlled the main gate and center crossing for almost the entire battle, allowing the other allies to destroy the enemy. With a total of 14 points on the line, we managed to end with 9. The next battle was the fabled Ravine Battle. Which army could control 3 houses within a ravine for a 45 min time limit? Though few in numbers, we held one house the entire time and was able to apply pressure to one of the others. Bridges, fields, castles... the Midrealm fought them all. Victory was with the Dragon and its allies. I did not fight as much as I would have liked. I spent much of my time in service to the Crown as a retainer. The strength of the Midrealm does not only come from its army, but also in the many people who make sure things run well for others.

In Service, Baron Fergus MacPherson

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Corona-
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You!

Dame
Hadley of
Becken-
ham

Spring Coronation Staff Needs You!

Come help our Barony host the Spring Coronation by signing up to volunteer for a couple hours. Not sure what you would like to help with? See the descriptions below of the jobs available and what fits you best!

Gate – You get to greet everyone as they arrive at the event with a smile and welcome! If you are not comfortable handling money at gate, we need people to write up the receipts, and pass out site booklets and tokens. Kids are great at handing out booklets and tokens if you would like to volunteer as a parent /child team.

Royalty Room Guard – Refresh yourself for an hour inside air conditioning while guarding the Royalty Room from people just wandering in. This job can be done either sitting or standing usually holding one of the Kingdom’s spears.

Retaining – Hang out with a member of the Royal family for an hour. Retaining duties can include carrying the retaining bag with that Royals belongings in it, make sure your Royal is staying hydrated and escorting your Royal around the site.

Event Setup and Tear Down – no skills required here except to have helping hands. Any time that you can give during set up and tear down is greatly appreciated. We need to unload the trailer, set up lists, unload kitchen gear, put out signs for the event etc...then the reverse during tear down.

If any of these volunteer duties sound interesting to you, please use this link to sign up - <http://signup.com/go/wjPTNTL>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me via fb or email at hadley.of.beckenham@gmail.com

Yours In Service

A&S
Championship
Announcement

Leandra Corzi

This coming Mounted Wars Games once again is the time and place for our Arts and Sciences Championship.. In years past we may have had themes such as the colors of Blue and Gold, in representation of the barony's colors. This year, our theme is something new, it is not about the colors on our heraldry, it is in our name.. This years theme is all about the Stars. We are the Barony of Shadowed Stars, and this year we are the Stars of A&S. Stars come in many sizes, shapes, flavors and colors. There is the star of anise; a star in the sky on a page of illumination, or the trim of a garment. This is our chance to shine like the stars that we all are, we all have that talent, that skill that we treasure and that pushes us to be better. For some, it is our love of food, the cooking of it, for others it is in the stiches of our embroidery or in the beads on the jewelry we create. Bring what you may, and shine among all the others for the A&S Championship.

Photo Credit
Leandra Corzi



Golden Seamstress and More

Lady Leandra Corzi

Words from the Chronicler



Five years ago was the first time that I had heard about Golden Seamstress, and I didn't go that year, or the next. Two years ago I attended my first Golden Seamstress, so that this year will make my third. For an SCA it is small in size, less than a hundred people, no heavy weapons fighters or rapier combatants battling each other on the field. There is no archers firing arrows at targets in the distance, just a dozen or so teams working on projects around a room. Teams of up to 6 artists work together, some with modern sewing machines, some just by hand stitching the garment, to make an outfit, from the inside out; in just 18 hours. Starting at 9 o'clock on Friday night it begins. Patterns are drawn, fabric is cut, and then the sewing begins. Some come with elaborate plans of multi-layered garb with patterns and trim, some with simpler ideas and goals. We don't compete against each other, we compete against time, ourselves, and the need for sleep. Some will be able to catch a nap or two during the night. Others will sew the night through till the very end, to the point that the ability to sew a flat felled seam is forgotten. There is chatter throughout the room, with bouts of quiet, as the night and day grows long. Coffee and snacks help to keep one awake through the event, but mostly it is the friendship and comradery as the project progresses.



Seams are sewn, patterns tweaked, Stitches ripped out after having been sewn in backward, but progress is made. Shirts are put together, jackets fitted, skirts are pleated, and stockings are finished. What had once been pieces of metal and fabric now are jewelry, and entire outfits. Exhausted sewers, and crafters participate and are witness to a fabulous fashion show. This is where everything comes together, everyone gets to display what they have been working the entire time with the others, while judges critique and guide, so that the next time we can improve and learn even more.



BARONIAL OFFICERS

Seneschal

Warder Mael Duin mac
Gilla Ennae

Chatelaine

Lady Aiofe
inghean Eoghain

Minister of A&S

Lady Kolfinna

Herald

Muirenn ingen Fáelchon Uí
Clerigh

Exchequer

Baron Fergus MacPherson

Knights' Marshal

Lord Gavin Hawkerton

Rapier Marshal

Andries von Voorburg der
Erlund

Archery Marshal

Velos tou Patmos

Thrown Weapons

Marshal

Lady Prudence of
Colleah

Equestrian Marshal

Lancer Gwendolyn of
Shadowed Stars

Webminister

Lady Prudence of Colleah

Chronicler

Lady Leandra Corzi

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Lady Zoe Dukiana

Bardic Coordinator

Lady Muirenn Ingen Fael-
chon Ui Clerigh

Chief Armorer

Lord Gian di Fauro

FROM THE CHRONICLER

THE BARONY WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- ◆ We need everyone to submit content for our newsletter! Things like: Editorials, pictures, Event Reports, Persona Bios, Artwork, and short stories up to 3,000 words for the quarterly newsletter!
- ◆ If you would like to create a regular or semi-regular column or have ideas of things we can include in future issues, please contact us at chronicler@shadowedstars.org!



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

- ◆ **Submit by June 20th 2019, for inclusion in the next issue.**

RULES FOR SUBMISSIONS:

- ◆ Release Form types:
 - * Creative - For all articles, poems, original artwork that is not a photograph, and the like // We bring this to you and we keep on file.
 - * Photographer - Photographs // We bring this to you and we keep on file.
 - * Model - For the recognizable person(s) in the photograph(s) // You get signed by people in your submitted photograph, turn it in with your photo, and we keep on file.
- ◇ Model Release Forms are available for download from midrealm.org/chronicler.
- ◇ **If you are unable to print needed Release Forms, please let the Chronicler know and they will be supplied for you.**
- ◆ Pictures:
 - ◇ Submit as many photos as you can of our Barony activities as well as events and happenings of the SCA groups around us!
 - ◇ Needed with Submission: Name of Event, date, location, SCA titles and names of those in the photo
 - ◇ Appropriate Model Release forms for those who are recognizable
- ◆ Images from the internet:
 - ◇ If you include an image from the internet with your submission, please make sure to include the active URL link to it.

PUBLISHED MEETING MINUTES:

- ◆ Monthly Business Meeting and Officers Meeting minutes are being transcribed and are available for viewing after the meeting takes place.
- ◆ To view them, please access the online Files section on the Shadowed Stars Facebook group or at the links available on the Publications page at shadowedstars.midrealm.org.

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