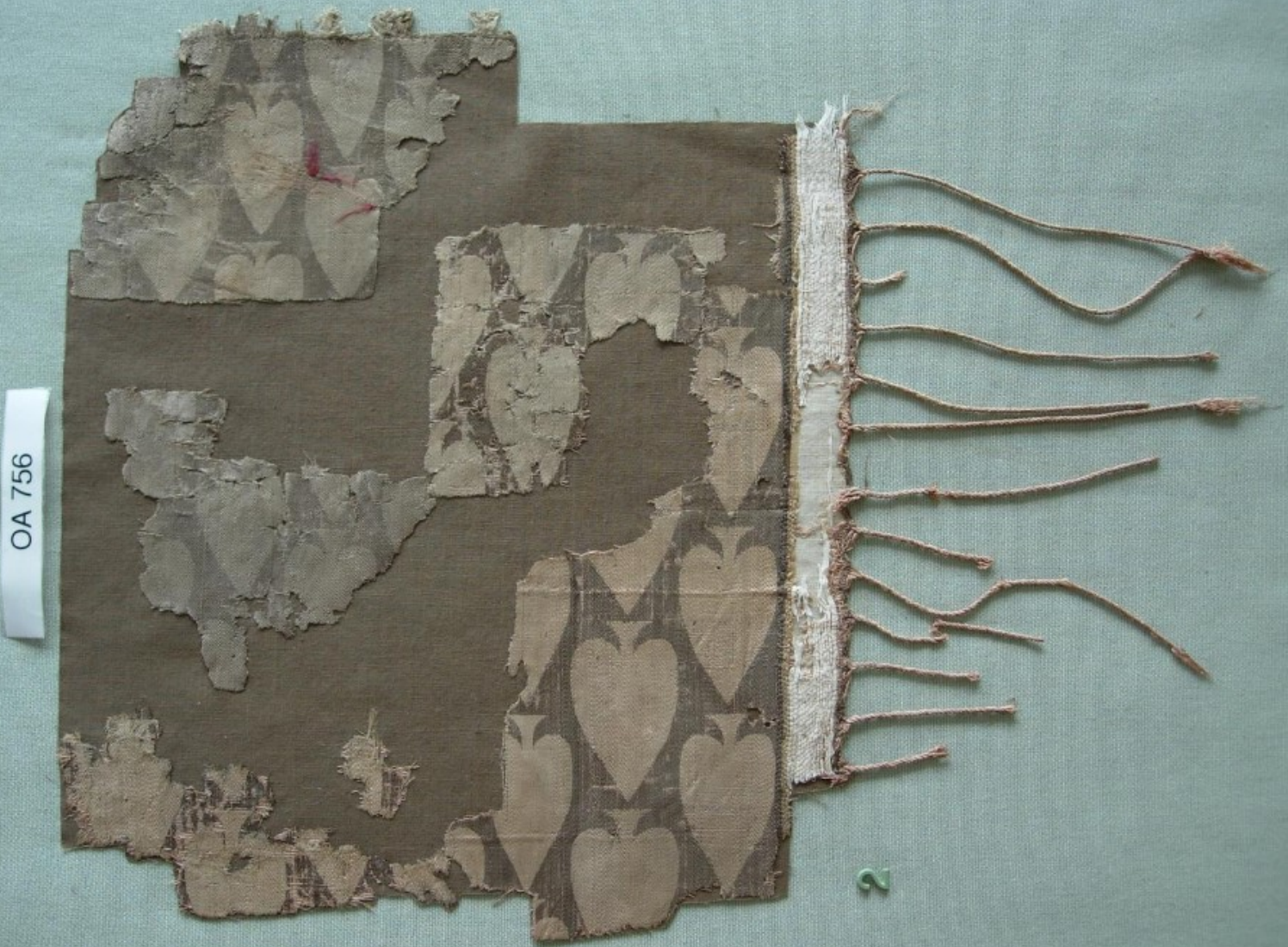


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Fragments of silk fabric, 6th Century, Byzantine

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Officer Reports

Coronet

Greetings to Caer Anterth Mawr!

At the last Curia meeting we started a discussion about what brings people to the SCA, why they might leave, how we can attract more, and how we can keep the ones we have. One of our goals as Baron and Baroness is to grow the group and bring back some of the people who have drifted away. One of our members who has lived in other places pointed out that ours is one of the only groups she's experienced which has a formal business meeting and really no other regular 'populace gathering' - that it's difficult to invite interested new people to fighters' practice if their interest isn't martial, and when the only other option is a formal meeting. She suggested some other venues for the Curia meeting, such as holding the meeting as court (in which officers are called before the Baron and Baroness to present their reports, if they have anything to speak about that month), or in some area at which there are also other activities happening (so that people who aren't interested in the meeting can hang out and chat). And since some people really don't like business meetings at all and will avoid those, maybe we should have social gatherings that are separate from Curia on a more frequent basis. Obviously, we're all busy - or we will be when we can leave our homes - and finding a common time might be difficult, but please think about it.

We recently attended Lady Adriana's virtual camping event, and gave a 'fireside chat' address. What we said follows here.

People have been decrying the e-sca or v-sca because it's



not what they signed up for, and we get it. It's just not the same. We're not gathering. We're not meeting. We're not feeding each other or hitting each other or being with each other. Video isn't the same as being in the same place.

It's an increasingly challenging time, a time of disruption to the life of the Society - a disruption that has brought grief to some, financial difficulties to many, and enormous challenge to the daily lives of us all. So many of us have spoken of the joy we've found here, the like-minded people and new chances for growth, the acceptance and caring. I'm sure everyone in the Barony will join us in assuring each of you that what you do is appreciated, that your sacrifices are not in vain, and that there will be an end to this. Many of us feel a painful sense of separation from our loved ones, but we know that it's the right thing to do. We still have more to endure - this isn't over yet, and we aren't sure when it will end.

A lot of people went into this trying to be optimistic. They declared that they would master a new language, lose 20 pounds, make a new thing, become a master chef. And if you are one of those and have achieved that goal, that's great. But if you haven't, that's okay too. You're not a failure. You didn't expect it all to be so hard. You didn't expect the grief, the sadness, the sense of loss - and not just you. Nobody expected this. Nobody saw it coming. We didn't think it was going to be easy, but we didn't think it was going to be this hard. Maybe you're feeling overwhelmed. You're not alone. We're pretty much all feeling the same as you.

This year is one we're not going to forget - the absence of normal life, the lack of doing things, the vacuum where we have had something. And whether you go to fighters practice every week, or to events every weekend, or to one big event a year, the SCA is the family we've grown to love,

the excuse we give to drive, the reason to set an alarm on the weekends, our fun, our drinking buddies, the only exercise we get, the way we choose to express our best selves - everybody has found something. And for many of us, it's just too much. The hurt, the need to gather, to be with people - that's big. That's real. So if you need to take a break, take a break. If you can't do virtual events, that's okay. We'll miss you, but we'll be waiting for you to come back. And certainly, there will be enough.

Better days will return. We will be with our friends again. We will be with our families again. Give yourself permission to do what you need to do, to take care of yourselves. Be well, be safe, and wash your hands.

In service,

ABELARD AND YSOLT

Baron and Baroness Caer Antherth Mawr



Chronicler

Greetings to one and all. My office will be open at the end of the year, and I am not planning to seek an extension. Would you like to contribute to a document that has a forty-two year history? Please consider applying for the position. It's not that hard, and the sooner you apply, the sooner I can give you some tips for getting the job done. And meanwhile, please don't forget to contribute reports and articles by the 25th of the month.

In service,

Idonia



Herald

Greetings,

Welcome month four of *Anno Plaga* June by the common reckoning,

The submissions for the baronial award names and badges should be posted to the internal letter of commenting on OSCAR by the time of this publication. This will determine if they comply with the rules of submission and whether they conflict with any registered names or armory.

While we are not currently holding in-person events, Their Majesties are holding Ethereal (online courts). The next three scheduled Ethereal courts will be 7 pm on May 29, 9 am on June 13 (the Border Skirmish court), and 9 am July 11 (the Warriors & Warlords court). The courts can be live streamed, or watched later, on the Northshield YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU3tGV18QKVnunc1qxxMMDw>.

Send award recommendations to the Crown at via the kingdom website at:

<http://northshield.org/OrderOfPrecedence/Recommendation.aspx?who> .

Plague permitting, Their Excellencies will be holding court at Baronial Championships in September. Please send award recommendations to Their Excellencies via the baronial website at <https://www.caeranterth.org/baronial-award-recommendations> .

My term of office expires this December. I am now officially calling for letters of intent, to be due by the August Curia meeting. I am not planning on applying for a third-year extension. If you are interested in learning more about the office, please feel free to ask me any questions. Like all the officers, I am also willing to take on deputies.

If anyone needs assistance with registering their name and/or armory (device or badges), please let me know. My schedule is pretty flexible.

In Service,

ARNBJØRN



Exchequer

Tri-City National Bank

Income: None

Expenditures:

Kimberly Weinfurther- \$45.00

Dawn Gundlach – \$102.00

Washington County Fair Park– \$600.00

Washington County Fair Park - \$1494.00

Balance 4/30/20: \$ 17,503.68

Fighter's Fund Balance 4/30/20: \$746.72

Yours in service,

Arthur Ingus



Archery Captain and Throw Weapons Marshal

Welcome to June. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kingdom of Northshield has suspended all official activities, including practices, until June 30, 2020, at the earliest. Hopefully, next month, practices will be able to resume. Outdoor target archery and throw weapons, in particular, are somewhat easy to do while maintaining social distancing.

Normally, the archers rotate between Menomonee Park and Whitnall Park archery ranges. Given that we are losing at least a third of our outdoor shooting season, we are opting to only shoot at Menomonee Park and KK River Parkway



this summer.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Windhaven's Missile Mayhem II will not be held this September. They are looking hopefully next spring or summer. Schützenfest is rescheduled for May 21-23, 2021.

While we are being kept from the range for official practices, I encourage archers to check and repair their gear. Make or buy some more arrows. Help keep your arm strength up by drawing your bow 20 times a day. DO NOT DRY FIRE YOUR BOW! Also, with the weather improving, the public archery ranges are open and you can go on your own.

My two-year term as archery captain ends in November. I am applying for a third-year extension, unless there are any archery marshals or MiT's who wish to apply. Letters of Intent are due by August Curia.

Once practices can resume, I plan on having TW practices at Redeemer Lutheran, on Thursday evenings. Unlike archery, which is prohibited in the private yards of many cities and villages, thrown weapons is an arts martial that you a) can do in most private yards and b) can do by yourself, thus maintaining social distance. As all official in-person SCA functions are suspended until further notice, meaning no marshals are present, any TW done in your yard is entirely outside the scope of the SCA.

Stay safe, wear your masks, wash your hands, stay home, and hopefully by July, if not sooner, we can come out and play.

Ever in Service to the Barony,

ARNBJØRN



Curia Minutes

May 19, 2020: Abelard, Ysolt, Tatiana, Armond, Idonia, Rachel, Arnbjorn, Arthur, Sofonisba, Asabella, Geoffrey, Randall, Rhys, Kale, Katie, Mysie, Belle,

Officer's Reports:

Baron/Baroness: Hey, dance video and Glow video! Thank you to everyone who submitted videos!

Seneschal: Physical gatherings are still cancelled through June. Tatiana is Seneschal again. Position is up in six months. If interested, please submit an LOI by next month. Do your reports! Let the Seneschal know when it's done. The Kingdom does have a Zoom account; if you want to use it there's a form to fill out. Ask Tatiana and she can direct you to it. Outgoing Seneschal: Nothing to report.

Chronicler: Thank you to Their Excellencies, Arnbjorn, and Tatiana who have been turning in articles regularly! If it's late, it's okay. Send something! Articles are due on the 25th (next Monday).

WebMinister: All the discounts and everything that we have are only for new accounts, so we renewed at \$102 per

year (renewed for two years). Site and domain name are paid through Jan 2022. The TechSoup account is set up and running, so the next project is setting up the email through GSuite. We have a month before iPower expires.

MOAS: Stay at home crafts are happening. As far as he knows, nobody's been injured in an A&S thing.

Knights Marshal: Nothing to report until the ban on SCA events ends. We still have a site, though! Will take up a collection to continue to pay for the site.

Archery: Submitted quarterly report for archery. Windhaven's artillery arts martial event (Missile Mayhem) is postponed until next spring because of a scheduling conflict. Office is open in six months; intends to put in for a third year.

Rapier: No practices until the end of June. Needs to send in report.

Thrown: Submitted quarterly report for thrown weapons. On hold until we can start playing again.

Youth: Office is open - intend to reapply. Will deliver boffer weapons to interested kids. Reports are due for MITs. Will be doing a 'youth combat' chapter of Ajax's fighter talks.

Chatelaine: Virtual camping event is this weekend!

Exchequer: Let's pay storage for two months. We have a balance. We have some outstanding checks which haven't been cashed yet. Public storage payment has gone out - can he get reimbursed for \$152.60? Moved, voted, passed. (Storage locker thought we hadn't paid because they didn't know what account to credit it to.) Need to change the name on the account as well. Working on reports. Need to send out some checks.

Quartermaster: Nothing to report. Trailer's still here.

Herald: Submitted quarterly report. Next ethereal court is next Friday at 7 PM. Badge and award name submissions should be in the next letter. Nice scroll, Kale!

Signet: Scrolls for the Kingdom have been happening!

Old Business:

Border Skirmish 2021: Armond and Sofonisba will auto-crat; we think Kristiana will as well.

Baronial Champs in September: The hall isn't booked, but they're aware it's happening.

Boar's Head 2020: Theme is Winter Solstice (Light in the Darkness) Nothing new to report. People should volunteer to do things! Rhys was not going to be feast steward. Maybe a team of people, each in charge of one remove? Armond will be in charge of feast. Hopefully social distancing is not a factor at that point. Otherwise, volunteer!

New Business: (This is notes from a long conversation about membership - how do we retain old members, bring back people we haven't seen in a while, and attract new ones?) We don't want to get new people and force them to be officers, we want to recover existing people (80 paid

**Feast of the Boar's Head
Winter Solstice: Light in the Dark**

Saturday, December 5, 2020

Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center
3000 County Hwy PV, West Bend, WI 53095

Website coming soon!

Event Steward: The Hon. Lady Asabella of Caer Antherth Mawr
Elizabeth Johnson Asabella69@yahoo.com
414-418-1206

Staff needed for the following positions:

Gate Steward ♦ Artisan's Row Steward
Event Rapier Marshal ♦ Longshoreman (Site set up and tear down)
Kitchen Clean Up Coordinator

Please contact the event steward if you are interested.

Topics of Interest to One and All

Subscribe to the Caer Antherth Mawr email list!

Sign up for the CAM email list and get information delivered to your inbox daily or as a digest. It's not a super-busy list, so don't worry about getting bombed. We just want you to know what's going on!

The CAM List is on Google Groups. Anyone may subscribe with any e-mail address.

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To post to the CAM List, send letters (from a subscribed e-mail address) to camlist@googlegroups.com

Facebook Pages associated with the Barony

Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr
South Eastern Wisconsin Armored Combatants
Students for Creative Anachronism at University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Also of interest –
SCA Kingdom of Northshield
Kingdom of Northshield Discussion Group

There are MANY MANY Facebook groups dedicated to the SCA. You can find a SCA Facebook group on just about any topic of interest for the SCA, from fighting to cooking to leatherwork to bardic.

members) _and_ draw new people. We need data - we need to find out who received the Tower newsletter and what their response was. (We heard that Pete really liked the paper copy.) We'd like to draw back people who we haven't seen in a while. We hear from Fancy, for instance, and Corin is sometimes at practice. Still need to encourage people to participate, even if we don't have a whiz-bang thing to do right this second. Ysolt and Abelard will start calling people. "Increase retention." Seneschals had this conversation too - we're not alone in our retention problems (not just in the SCA, but across fandoms.) When we can, we should increase demos. Since we have virtual curias perhaps we can get more people to do it. Some people don't want to go to physical curia, for instance now that we've proved that we can do a virtual curia meeting, maybe we continue it. Demonstrate that reporting isn't that hard. Officers should also write up what they do to demonstrate how much work it actually is. Need to mentor new people. How do we make it fun? We have really low turnouts; maybe we should frame Curia as a populace meeting, not a business meeting. (Monthly 'holding court'.) Create an SCA event with no strings attached. "Hey, show up at the populace meeting!" Hold it as a court, where the baron and baroness invite each officer up to report on their offices. Potential

problem: Length of meeting. How did they make it short? It didn't used to be long... Officer reports can go to the Tower. Have the meeting at a different time and combine it with something else. ("July's meeting will be on Saturday and we'll have beer and brats.") Maybe change it up a little bit. Yule court worked - people attended if they wanted to, or went to the bar. So, if people show up for the meeting, great; if they show up for the social, great. "If you don't have anything to bring up, we won't call on you." Doing a populace meeting might also bring people back. One of the easiest things to get people to go is fighter's practice, and it costs money. Somebody has to do the grunt work to maintain us as a Barony. Persona Moments: 5 minute bio for two members, each meeting will be different, ask for volunteers at first, then move to assignments for members. Much easier to get new people to come to local things. Maybe we should have A&S things more frequently than monthly. Other baronies are doing social nights online, do we want to do that too? Jara has a weekly scribal zoom meeting hangout. Homework: Think outside the box. Examples: Mobile beer garden in garb! Arrange in advance with the museum an afternoon to hang out in the lobby in garb.

Contacts for Guilds and Groups

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Students for Creative Anachronism

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Lady Winifride Barnes
Alexis Moore
Webminister at caerantherth.org

PLEASE NOTE: For info only. Guilds and groups are not conducting activities at this time.

Open Offices

- ◇ Seneschal- Letters of Intent due by June Curia
- ◇ Chronicler- Letters of Intent due by August Curia
- ◇ Herald- Letters of Intent due by August Curia
- ◇ Minister of Arts & Sciences- - Letters of Intent due by August Curia
- ◇ Quartermaster (Baronial Storage Locker Manager)- Letters of Intent due by June Curia
- ◇ Archery Captain- Letters of Intent due August Curia
- ◇ Minister of Youth- Vacant- Open until filled
- ◇ Boar's Head 2020 Feast Steward bids- Open until filled

Officer Regnum

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Business meetings

Caer Anterth Mawr's Curia (business) meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month (some exceptions). Currently, all Curia meetings are being held via conference call.
See www.caeranterth.org or the baronial Facebook page.

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The Champions of Caer Anterth Mawr

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Rapier: Duke Corin du Soleil

Bardic: Mistress Prisilka the Sensible