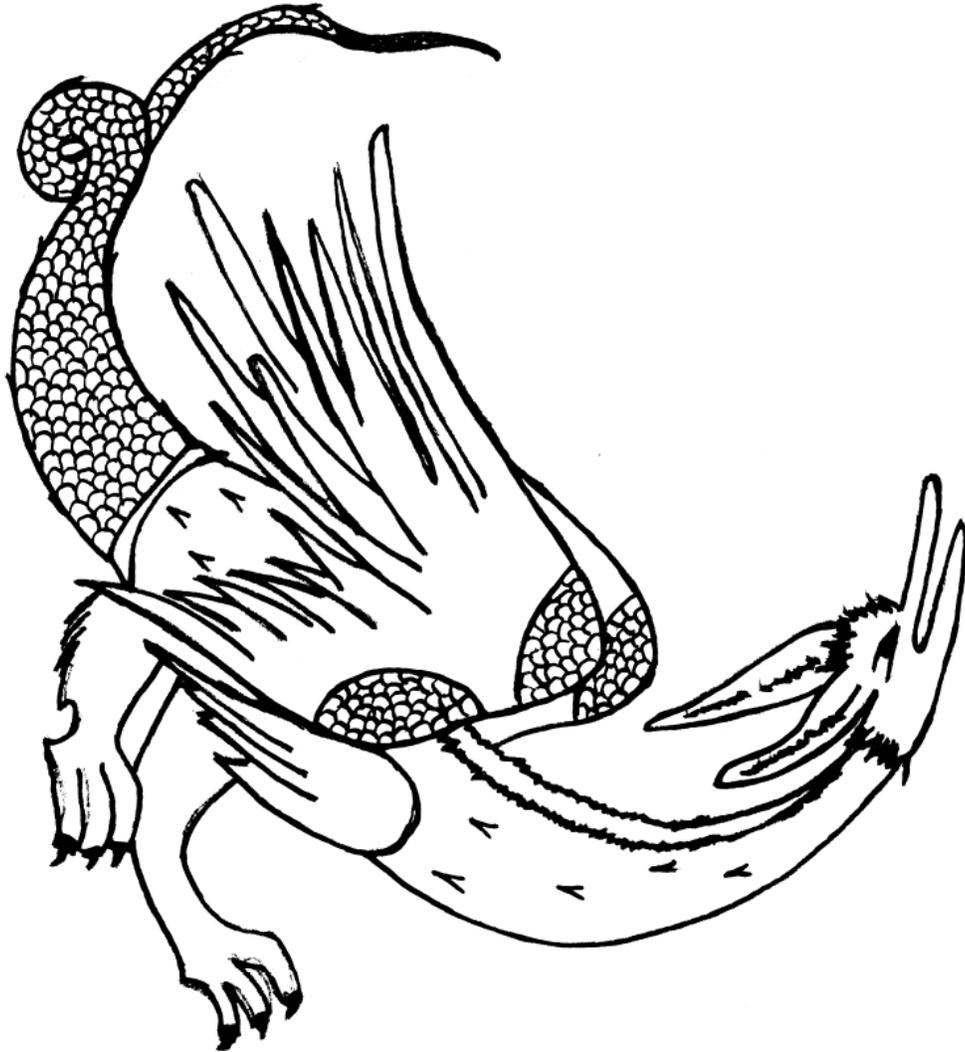


# *The Althing*



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## *Greetings from the Baron and Baroness*

U<sup>n</sup>to the Good Gentles of the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands do Byron and Ariella send Fond Greetings.

In the past month, so many good works have been performed by those in this Barony, we cannot name them all! Everyone should be proud, however, of the fine Queen's Rapier Championship event, and our Barony's contributions to this. The Agincourt event was wonderful and Liam, Elss, Odrianna and their staff did an amazing job.

We applaud individual efforts, such as Urho's call for a Washington Boulevard site clean up, and group efforts to make the Thrown Weapons program grow rapidly.

We can welcome a few new officers, including Shiro as Knight Marshall and Aselin as our new Chatelaine, and note the continued good service of all our Barony's officers.

Please aid those interested in indoor sites for fighting and fencing by thinking about any organizations to which you belong and whether they have any suitable spaces for the winter months. Indoor sites for Barony meetings, arts and sciences gatherings, and martial practices are precious and hard to find, needing Barony members to take the initiative to investigate potential sites.

Thanks to all who came to our Barony meeting, which has evolved into a shared day of fun, socializing, pie eating, heraldic consulting, fighting, fencing, shooting, and throwing! Congratulations to Hilda; her pie contest was a smashing success (as was the pumpkin drop -- ha ha!).

Congratulations to Bovi and Elss and Alastar whose pies won accolades from the populace! Thanks to Don Clewin for cleaning up pumpkins. Thanks to Arianna whose question started the movement to have Barony meetings ensconced in a larger, more enjoyable gathering.

November and December are a quiet time for Baronial events. We shall emerge from our hibernation in late January for our traditional Twelfth Night parties.

Written this eleventh day of November,

Byron and Ariella

## *Greetings from Cour d'Or!*

Lord Shiro has started a ride sharing email group for people that want to go to practices and events but are limited by their available transportation options. If you would like to carpool to practices, share a ride to an event, or would like to help the transportation challenged get out to try the things you do, please consider joining this email group. <http://groups.google.com/group/bmdlrideboard>

In other news, I am once again the Seneschal of the College of Cour d'Or. If you feel you missed your chance at the office, don't worry, I am looking for deputies. And yes, I said deputies because I am currently filling in the position of Chatelaine for the College as well.

The Seneschal makes sure the College continues on from an administrative stand-point. The Chatelaine of the College is responsible for interacting and involving newcomers with the College. For both you are required to hold paid SCA membership and file quarterly reports to the Kingdom. If you are interested in either position, please get in touch with me.

Yours in service,  
Rosalia Iuliana Andere  
Seneschall

## *Greetings to all from the Baronial Rapier Marshal*

The season continues to creep on through Autumn, and outdoor practice is over for the year. There is unfortunately no current set practice location (though we are working towards one,) and we will not hold practices until a site, temporary or otherwise, is secured.

News of a practice site will be posted on the Barony webpage as soon as possible. Your suggestions are welcome! You can send them to [fencingmarshal@debatablelandsDOTorg](mailto:fencingmarshal@debatablelandsDOTorg).

In the meantime, we will occasionally have traveling practices to neighboring practices. These, of course, will be announced over the list.

In other news, the recent Queen's Rapier Champion event, hosted by our Canton of Steltonwald, had some good news. Master Donnan MacDubhshidthe, OWS is now rapier champion for Her Royal Majesty Elena. In addition, Emily of Dunvegan is now the 33rd of the Aethelmearc Order of the White Scarf. Congrats to both Don Donnan and Dona Emily!

I will be stepping down soon as BMDL Rapier Marshal, and my deputy Will Parris will be taking over and looking for a deputy. If you are interested, please contact me.

YIS,  
Don Clewin Kupferhelbelinc

## *Greetings from your Seneschal!*

As the seasons change, the end of the outdoor activities approaches, except for the hardy. With this change comes the opportunity to sit by the fire and contemplate the coming year and possible events. That means any potential autocrats should be considering what event they may like to hold next year. Those with ideas for events should take the time to find someone to help them run them. If you are interested in submitting an event bid for next year, now is a good time before the calendar fills up.

With regards to local events, Liam is compiling a list of sites we can hold events. If you know of any places that we haven't used recently that would suit our needs, please let me know. This also includes potential winter fighting sites.

We have had several new officers join us in the last few months. I would like to thank them for stepping up to serve the Barony and ensure we retain Barony status.

My term is up in January and I will not be seeking a third term. If you are interested in the office of Seneschal, please contact me with any questions you might have. If you are interested, please submit a letter of intent to me prior to the January officers meeting.

YIS,

Fredeburg

## *Thanks to All From the Captain of Archers:*

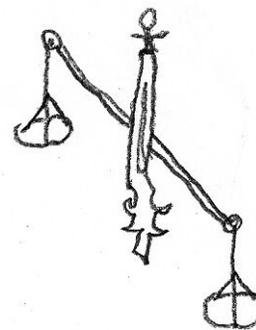
I'd like to thank everyone for coming out last month to help clean up the Washington Boulevard practice site. It had a high yuck-factor, but we managed to collect eight bags of garbage.

It didn't seem as bad as last year, but somehow we kept pulling stuff out of the woods.

In service to the Barony-Marche,

Urho Waltterinen

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Scales

By

Leah of the Debatable Lands

## *From the Captain of Archers*

By the time you get this, we will have had the last outdoor practice of the year. There will be no practice at the Washington Boulevard site on Sunday the 22nd. Instead, that weekend, I will be heading down to Port Oasis for the Plague on your Houses event which promises an exceptional outdoor roving range. I hope to see some of you there. If weather permits, we may try some outdoor shoots. Watch the mailing list for updates.

In the meantime, around the Barony meeting this month, we began to shoot the Gwyntarian Winter Challenge. We now have scores submitted by Robert Kaspar, Arianna of Wynthrop, Alaric MacConnal, and a guest round from Faelan the Traveller who has been coming up from King's Crossing to practice with us.

His Excellency, Baron Byron also shot his first round of the year. While he was pleased with his score, he was surprised to see that his is the highest score in the Barony-Marche and wrote to me:

"If I am the highest-scoring archer in the Debatable Lands, then our populace truly has not shown their skill!

I challenge all archers in the Debatable Lands to beat my Gwyntarian score. I challenge our Grand Masters to double my score."

I forward his challenge to you and suggest that all the archers head out to Steltonwald's winter indoor site and take their turns. As soon as I dust off my winter crossbow, I will do so as well.

I am available over the winter to help anyone who needs repairs of strings and arrows.

Lady Muirgheal has confirmed the new archery practice parameters. Practice will be on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 at the Beaver Valley Archery Club (the site of Archers to the Wald). I don't expect to be out there every week, but I plan to get out there at least once a month.

Thanks to the generosity of the Canton and their skill at negotiation, this practice is **free**. Donations can be made if you so desire.

Please contact Lady Muirgheal inghen Dubhghaill or me with any questions.

In service to the Barony-Marche,

Urho Waltterinen

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## *Greetings from the Archery Captain for Steltonwald*

I send word of Winter Archery Practice to be held in the fair Canton of Steltonwald on Wednesdays, and invite all to join us to sharpen their skills! Newcomers are always welcome!

Archery Practice will begin at 6pm and run until 9 pm at the Beaver Valley Archery Club, 277 Rothart Drive, New Brighton, PA 15066. All gentles are welcome! We will shoot outside as long as the weather is fair and the light is good.

There will be no practice on the third Wednesday of any month because that is when the Canton's Business Meeting is held. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on my cell at 724-622-7240. No calls after 10 pm.

Yours in service,

Muirgheal inghean Dubhghaill ([muirgheall@gmail.com](mailto:muirgheall@gmail.com))

## *From the Steltonwald Knight Marshall:*

Unto the populace of Steltonwald, the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands and the Kingdom of Aethelmearc does THL Robert Marston send greetings.

I am writing to inform all that I have been confirmed as the Knight Marshal of Steltonwald. Fighter practices have resumed at the Economy Grange, our regular site, which is located at 2800 Conway Wallrose Road in Economy Borough. Practice is on Tuesdays, and generally runs until 9-9:30 PM. I look forward to seeing all fighters there.

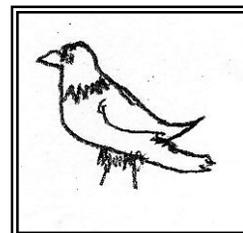
In Service,

THL Robert Marston

Canton website [www.steltonwald.org](http://www.steltonwald.org)

Bird  
By

Leah of the Debatable Lands



## *Greetings from the Chronicler!*

Note that the BMDL Twelfth Night Teaser Event Announcements in the current and previous Aestels are incorrect/incomplete. The information on BMDL's Twelfth Night Celebration is correct here in the Althing.

This month's cover was drawn by me from an illustration in the Vienna Oesterreichische Nationalbibliothek Cod. 507, Folio 3v, as reproduced in the Rein Pattern Book, under Bestiary Subjects.

Leah of the Debatable Lands has created some additional pictures to decorate the Althing. They are all taken from the Tres Riches Heures de Duc de Berry (early 15th c). Thank you, Leah!

Show your black-and-gold pride with the new Baronial Car Decals! They depict the Barony emblem with the words Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands, and are suitable for mounting on any window – such as your car windshields, your side windows, your game room windows, or wherever you'd like to put it. Available for only ~~-\$3-~~ from the Chronicler at any event.

Introductory price of only \$2!

Yours in Service.

Lady Elss of Augsburg

Chronicler

## *Thrown Weapons Practice Schedule*

Lady Porfinna hrogn Josepsdottir, BMDL Thrown Weapons Marshall, announces that Thrown Weapons Practice is officially over for the season. It is possible that there may be impromptu practices, but these are strictly weather dependant.

Please contact her at [rojosephine at yahoo.com](mailto:rojosephine@yahoo.com) for more information.

## *Are You in the Dark Pages?*

I am the editor of the Debatable Lands' **Dark Pages**, which is our phone book/address book/email list. I am in the process of updating the list and would appreciate your help.

Please check the current version online to verify that your information is correct. If not, please send me your corrected info. You can access the **Dark Pages** through the Barony website at [www.debatablelands.org](http://www.debatablelands.org). Click "Resources and Links" and then click "Dark Pages On-Line." Once on the Dark Pages site, click the attachment link to view or download the current version.

If you're not in the Dark Pages and would like to be, send me your details. You can include as much or as little information as you like. Expats are welcome and have a special section just for them. :-)

Arianna of Wynthrope

Dark Pages Editor

## *Hello from the Chancellor Minor!*

I wanted to write a note and congratulate Leah and Paige for their wonderful Drawings that we saw in the Althing. And I heard that Leah was working on her first scroll. How wonderful! We have some very imaginative and creative children in the Barony! Vivant! Vivant!

It was a busy summer for Youth Activities. We had a lot of fun at War Practice, War College, and Pennsic with many classes and fun activities. This Fall and Winter, we also have many activities planned.

At 12<sup>th</sup> Night we have many activities planned, including early in the day we will make decorations that we can hang in the hall. And then we will make cookies and many other fun activities that are in the holiday spirit. Don't forget to bring a gift for the exchange, because this year we will have our own exchange for the youth!

Now I ask of you to help me out! If you want to learn something, or play a certain game at an event or practice, please let me know! I am always open for ideas! And even if you're a teen doesn't mean that you are too old. We have classes and activities just for you. So please let us hear your ideas!

Also, Parents and Teens! We are always looking for help with Children's activities. If you can spare a moment at an event to make that event even more special for the children of our Barony, please let me know!

Childhood is the most beautiful of all life's seasons. -Anonymous

Aíbell ingen Chernacháin

## *Important Dates Coming Up!*

### **December Officers Meeting**

December 2nd at 8pm. CMU campus. Exact location yet to be determined.

### **January Barony Meeting**

January 30, 2010 at the Lodge in North Park

### **BMDL Twelfth Night**

January 30, 2010 at the Lodge in North Park – Details to be announced soon!

### **March Barony Meeting**

March 7, 2010 at 1 PM – Details to be announced soon!

## *Barony Court Report from Archers to the Wald*

A record of the Court of their Excellencies Baron Thomas Byron of Haverford and Baroness Ariella of Thornberry, held at the Archers to the Wald on the 26th day of September, Anno Societatis 44, reporting herald Lord Pavel Dudoladov.

Their Excellencies first requested the presence of their Baronial Youth Archery Champion Robert of the Debatable Lands and Lord Urho Waltterinen, who had run a championship shoot. A new champion had been decided, Joshua of the Debatable Lands; his presence was requested and he was presented with a scroll by Leah of the Debatable Lands and the regalia of his station.

Next, Their Excellencies called forth their Baronial Archery Champion Giovannin di Lupo, who had run a championship shoot to determine the new Champion. He stated that the championship had been won by Lord Urho Waltterinen. Their Excellencies summoned Urho into Their presence and congratulated him on his victory, as They oversaw the transference of the regalia.

Their Excellencies requested that Lord Urho Waltterinen remain, and thus for his dedicated service to the Barony as Captain of Archers and conductance of archery practice was he inducted into the order of the Gold Comet and presented with a scroll by Countess Aiden ni Leir, done in the manner of the Book of Lindisfarne.

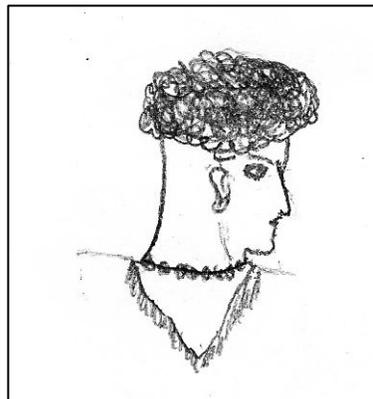
Also on this day, the Baron conducted a Baronial Thrown Weapons Championship in the stead of the current champion Lord Giovanni Magrino. His Excellency called forth the new champion Lord Robert Bakere and congratulated him on his skill on the range.

Finally the Kingdom Archery Champion, Lady Muirghein Gealbhain, was called forth and given leave to announce the outcome of the Kingdom Archery Championship shoot she had run. The victor of this shoot and the new Aethelmarc Kingdom Archery Champion was Court Baron Bataar

Sogdo. Lady Muirghein transferred the regalia of the station, leaving behind one of her own arrows as a record of her time in the position, and Court Baron Bataar was congratulated on his victory.

There being no further business, court was closed.

Portrait  
by  
Leah of the Debatable Lands



## *Reports of the Meetings of the Officers of the BMDL*

Many of you will have attended the Barony Meetings wherein various gentles speak of the events and activities occurring in the Barony under the auspices of the many guilds and groups. There is another meeting that must also happen in order that the Barony runs smoothly, efficiently, and effectively. The Officers Meetings are held to discuss and decide upon the business matters of the Barony, and these are the minutes of those meetings held recently.

### *Officers' Meeting Minutes, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

Officers attending: Their Excellencies Byron and Ariella; Tofi Kerthjalfadsson, Exchequer; Pavel Dudoladov, Comet Pursuivant; Elss of Augsburg, Chronicler; Aibell ingen Chernacháin, Minister of Youth; Rosalia Iuliana Andrerre, Cour d'Or Seneschale; Urho Waltterinen, Captain of Archers; Cai o'r Llyn, Webminister, Ogami Arashimoto no Shirou, Knight Marshal; Hilda Hugelman, Deputy Seneschale.

Officers proxied: Fredeburg von Katzenellenbogen, Seneschale, proxy to Hilda, Deputy Seneschale; Pavlade la Satu Mare, Minister A&S proxy to Hilda; Liam Mac an'Tsaoir, Chirurgeon, proxy to Ogami Arashimoto no Shirou; Clewin Kupferhelbelinc, Marshal of Fence, proxy to Hilda.

1. Meeting opened.
2. Barony Chatelaine
  - ❖ Letter was received from Asceline la Dieciere. A vote was held, and she was voted into the position unanimously.
  - ❖ Asceline is a member of the SCA, Inc.
3. Event Bids

- ❖ Shiro bid Hanami for May 1, 2010
  - ❖ Many interesting and in-theme activities are planned
  - ❖ Discussion on how close the event would be to both War Practice and Crown Tourney
  - ❖ Conditional approval granted, provided approval by Fredeburg as Seneschale, and that final financials are received at November's Officers' Meeting
4. Pavel to re-do Event bid form
  5. Clewin asked for Officers' comments about Crown Tourney Bid (5/8/2010). Not bidding per se yet. Discussion was held about:
    - ❖ Concern over the 75 parking spaces. A Crown Tourney in the Debatable Lands could bring up to 300 people. Certainly 200 attendees is not unlikely. Possible solutions: Look for nearby alternate parking, have a parking marshal, look for other sites.
    - ❖ Consider setting break-even at 150 and site fees at \$10
    - ❖ Consider kids/family prices and an outboard option to account for an excessive amount of people.
    - ❖ Consider adding another mentor (in addition to Fredeburg) that has been an autocrat for a Kingdom event.
  6. Advertising in the Althing
    - ❖ Elss received an inquiry from Odriana vander Brugghe about advertising in the Althing.
    - ❖ Discussion was held, and it was decided that a decision cannot be made until we know exactly what Kingdom/Corporate policies are. Elss to get guidance from Kingdom Chronicler.
  7. Inventories are due in November
  8. Site of Barony Meetings
    - ❖ A long discussion about alternate sites outside of Oakland was held. Suggestion: Somerset at Frick.
    - ❖ Tofi suggested better advance notice and establishing a regular location. Pavel likes having Barony Meeting and fighter practice at the same location. Shiro concurs. Aibell mentions transportation and childcare issues.
    - ❖ November Barony Meeting to be held at the Baron and Baroness' Castle in Wexford, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm. Urho objected to the time. It was decided that Archery Practice would be moved there, to begin at 1pm. Other fun activities were discussed.
    - ❖ January Barony Meeting to be held at BMDL 12<sup>th</sup> Night, Jan 30<sup>th</sup>.
  9. Meeting closed.

## *Officers' Meeting Minutes, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

Recorded by Asceline la Deiciere; transcribed by Pavel Dudoladov

In attendance: Baron Thomas Byron, Liam Mac an Tsoair, Aibhell ingen Chernacháin, Elss of Augsburg, Fredeburg von Katzenellenbogen, Caellen (proxy for Ogami Arashimoto no Shirou), Pavel Dudoladov, Urho Waltterinen, Tofi Kerthjalfadsson, Clewin Kupferhelbelinc (with proxy for Alonzio the Peacemaker), Cai o'r Llyn, Hilda Hugelman, Rosalia Iuliana Andere, Asceline la Deiciere

Item 1: Previous meeting minutes were approved.

Item 2: Provisional approval of Hanami event, which will maintain same site, same financials as last year's Japanese event.

Item 3: No progress on crown tourney bid.

Item 4: Winter Fighter Practice Site

- ❖ A site is needed for December-March
- ❖ Negotiations in progress (looking to be around \$350 + utilities per month), prefer to negotiate a weekly fee-landlord is unfamiliar with nonprofits; this should be emphasized.
- ❖ Options include one space that is warehouse-like without heat with one large space for fighters and fencers, and another space that has multiple areas
- ❖ Children will need to be attended at both spaces
- ❖ Both are located off of Camp Horne Road
- ❖ Tofi moved to provisionally approve \$350/mo or \$1400 total for December-March, utilities included; seconded by Liam, motion carried unanimously.

Item 5: Agincourt

- ❖ Lunch was under budget by \$10 (Chronicler's note: actually, \$10 over budget)
- ❖ Feast was under budget by \$20
- ❖ Elss has several outstanding receipts to be delivered to Tofi
- ❖ Liam proposes donating \$100 to the Grange for the use of their chairs, Fredeburg moves, motion is carried

Item 6: March Barony Meeting

- ❖ Ariella proposes March Barony Meeting will be on March 7th at the Summeset at Frick Park @1:00pm w/ officer's meeting at 12:30pm

Item 7: Althing

- ❖ Elss asks all officers to contribute to the next Althing, which should be out next week

Item 8: Cour d'Or Seneschal

- ❖ Rosalia is willing to serve a third term as seneschal as her term has now come up
- ❖ Elss moves to approve Rosalia for another term as Cour d'Or Seneschal, Pavel seconds, the motion is carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

## Article:

# English Land Tenure: An Introduction

By Master Dani of the Seven Wells (dani (at) pobox.com)

This is the first of a series of short articles on land tenure. The nature of feudalism changes greatly from century to century and from country to country – or even within a country. These articles will focus on England (especially south-eastern England, where most of the population lived), especially in the years around 1300 A.D. They will also deal primarily with land holding as it applied to the lower rungs of the feudal ladder – peasants and lesser gentry.

There was no private property in land. Whether you were an Earl or a serf, you didn't own land; you rented it. In early post-Conquest years many tenants held land in exchange for military service, but by the thirteenth century most military service had been commuted to cash payments.

A tenant<sup>1</sup> could sub-infeudate a holding – subletting (as it were) part of it. This did not affect what he owed his Lord: If a knight held 1200 acres in exchange for a rent of twenty pounds a year, and he chose to raise the money by renting out four 200-acre holdings for five pounds each, that was his private business, as long as he paid his twenty pounds.

A tenant could alienate land – with his Lord's permission, which (if he was free) was routinely given in return for a kickback. This didn't mean selling the land (since the tenant didn't own it), but rather selling the 'lease' – the right to hold the land at the traditional rent. The land market was intensely active; the English were not sentimental about ancestral lands. Nor, except at the lowest levels, were holding necessarily compact. A tenant might hold pieces of land scattered over several counties.

Broadly speaking, there were three classes of land-holders in England – aside from the king, who was in a class by himself. There were the greater Lords. This included both temporal and ecclesiastic Lords – there wasn't much social or practical difference. There were the gentry – knights and esquires with relatively small holdings. And there were the peasants, free or serf, who usually hoped to rent enough land to feed their immediate families.

The lines between these groups was fuzzy – some knights were richer than some barons; some were poorer than some franklins – but broad-stroke generalizations may be useful: There was an upper crust of about two hundred families, including Earls who reckoned their income in thousands of pounds, and barons who reckoned their income in hundreds of pounds (per year). There were about twenty thousand families of gentry, who were likely to reckon their income in the tens of pounds<sup>2</sup>. And there were about a million families of peasants, at a time when income from day labor was about a penny (1/240 of a pound) a day. Even the serfs participated in the land market, albeit at a practical and legal disadvantage.

Reference: Dyer, Christopher, "Standards of Living in the Later Middle Ages", Cambridge University Press, 1989.

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<sup>1</sup> The term 'tenant' applies all the way up the feudal ladder. At the top, the two hundred or so lords who held land directly from the king were termed "tenants in chief".

<sup>2</sup> Income was more important than pedigree. Legislation was passed in the thirteenth century requiring anyone with an income of twenty pounds or more to become a knight.

## *Events of Note*

### *Vikingr is Finally Back!*

From Court Baron Leonard the Younger:

VIKINGR IS FINALLY BACK

Greetings,

After the hectic holiday season, the VIKINGR study group will be renewed. The focus of attention will primarily be the dynamic effects upon European cultures (east and west) by the last of the great dark ages and early middle ages migrations. Scandinavians, Magyars, etc. were all active and on the move, creating the foundations of later nation-states.

The meetings will be (at least initially) be scheduled on the last Thursday of alternate months, at 7:30 pm, at the home of Baron Len. A mailing list is being compiled for all who are interested in participating. Please contact me to be included on my "snail mail" list to receive notices and other information. Phone (412) 241-2105. No e-mail is available. Phone for directions or to be sent a map.

It was always our custom previously to bring a contribution to the snack table at our bimonthly meetings. Special covered dish; bag of chips; beverage; all were welcome. We always ate well while expounding on our research. Let us continue.

Once a year, usually just before the holiday season kicked in, we had a Saturday night film fest. Medieval movies: good, bad, ugly, hilariously awful - but great fun, all of 'em. Let's do that again. Plenty of SCA crash space until Sunday morning.

Yours in service,

Baron Len

NOTE: To indicate your interest or to ask questions, please contact Baron Len directly via telephone at 412.241-2105, as he does not use electronic media.

### *Monthly Medieval Cooking Gathering*

On the first Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m., there is a medieval cooking gathering at Odriana vander Brugghe's home. This is open to anyone that would like to attend.

December 4 -

Soteltes [subtletys], A discussion on soteltes in the context of Western Europe during the Middle Ages, both savoury and sweet. We will make marzipan and use it to create small soteltes for everyone to take home.

Next year's topics to include -

Eating in Winter during the Middle Ages. How did people prepare their food stores for the winter and what kinds of dishes would you expect to eat during the winter months during the Middle Ages in Western Europe? We will discuss this and make a dish based on winter eating.

Warmly,

Odriana

## *Wednesday Scriptoria*

There is a twice-monthly scriptorium held at Odriana's home in Hampton Township. The scriptorium will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. The schedule is:

2 & 16 December

6 & 20 January, 2010, and so on

Scribes of all levels of experience are welcome, new scribes especially so. For directions, please contact Odriana vander Brugghe by sending email to [jenn.strobel@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.strobel@gmail.com).

## *Coming Event: Twelfth Night Celebration*

### *The Lodge at North Park*

*January 30, 2010*

Rejoice in the Holiday Season at the celebration of Twelfth Night in the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands!

All are Welcome for this day of Fighting, Fun, Frivolity and Food! There will be music and song, fighting for young and old, gift giving and getting, all accompanied by the good food of a potluck dinner and the company of good friends!

The Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands is pleased to announce that Twelfth Night Festivities will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Lodge in North Park, (no street number) Pearce Mill Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. The site will open at 10 AM and close at 9 PM, so that all may have enough time to enjoy the day.

The populace will be happy to note that this is a FREE event -- there is no charge at the door and no non-member surcharge! No reservations are required. Because it is also a potluck dinner, each person is requested to bring a dish to share.

The autocrat for this event is Lady Elss of Augsburg (Rocky Hayeslip), who is pleased to be mentored by Hilda Hugelmann. All inquiries may be directed to the autocrat at [elss\\_of\\_augsburg@yahoo.com](mailto:elss_of_augsburg@yahoo.com) or to Rocky Hayeslip, 221 Pine Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or by cell at 724.759.3333.

Please note that many, many activities are being planned for adults and children. More information and directions will be available in the December Althing.

Mark your calendars now for the BMDL Twelfth Night Celebration on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Lodge at North Park.

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Beaver County Courthouse  
madeleinedlest at yahoo.com

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**Archery**

Wednesdays, 6 PM - 9 PM,  
except the third Wednesday of any month  
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Beaver Valley Archery Club  
captainofarchers at steltonwald.org

**Fight practice**

Every Tuesday, 6pm, at the Economy Grange  
Contact Robert

**Sewing**

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<http://www.steltonwald.org/>

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