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Currently the newsletter is looking for a French Editor to co-ordinate the translation staff for the Aurora Borealis. For the next newsletter, we expect a re-formatting of the paper to reflect our new name and heraldry. We are accepting submissions for a new name for the newsletter (although we may stay with the name Aurora Borealis too!) Submissions for names can be sent to me at Gwen@moonsandstars.com

Upcoming Events in the Northern Shores

January 9

Twelfth Night in Ruantallan

Barony of Ruantallan
Halifax, Nova Scotia

March 6

Baronial Anniversary Investiture

Barony of L'Île du Dragon Dormant
L'Île Perrot, QC

Event dates to make note of:

January 16

East Kingdom 12th Night

Shire of Panther Vale
Barre, VT

April 10

Coronation of Edward and Margeurite

Barony of Bergantal
West Springfield, MA

May 8

Crown Tournament

Baron of L'Île du Dragon
Dormant

January 29-30

A Marketplace at Birka

<http://www.birka.org/>
Manchester, NH

July 9-11

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Province of Malagentia
Hebron, ME

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From the Waiver Secretary

Mistress Elizabeth "Bess" Darnley

Unto Master Conrad, Regional Knights Marshal of the Northern Shores Region and Deputy to the East Kingdom Earl Marshal, does Mistress Elizabeth Darnley, Regional Waiver Secretary of the Northern Shores Region and Deputy to the East Kingdom Waiver Secretary send Greetings.

I wish to bring to your attention that if waivers are not collected and submitted then the fight practices are NOT in compliance with Corpora and EK Law & Policy regarding the collection and retention of waivers and the passing of these waivers to the Regional Officers for archiving.

These infractions include ANY marshals who over-saw or ran official SCA practices. Waivers are required for any and all members who have white cards, as well as non SCA members.

Could you please remind those marshals running any SCA practices that this IS required. I feel this is as serious an oversight as failing to follow rules of the list, I hope you do as well.

Please remember these are sanctioned practices ONLY if we follow the rules, and the rules include filling out waivers. This includes Rattan, Archery and Rapier, for both combatants and spectators.

Waivers also need to be collected for official SCA events as well, again for all white card members and non members alike. If a member cannot prove they have a blue card (i.e. they have a pikestaff label, but no blue card) they must fill out a waiver.

Please make sure that waivers are collected and submitted to the waiver secretary (that's me) in a timely manner, so as not to lose a sanctioned fight practice, or for events to not be recognized as official events.

For those who have been submitting, thank you so much! You make my job easier when you submit your forms.

Thank you for your time & consideration on this matter

From the East Kingdom Seneschal

Master Phillip Reed the Facetious



Greetings my friends!

The Crown Principality of what is now called Tir Mara was created with the intention of becoming a Full Principality. Now with the Name and Device in the process of submission to Society (shown here to the left), that process is well on its way to fruition.

Once the Name & Device passes, I will Petition the BoD for Full Principality status. At that time, the Crown Principality must have a slate of officers acceptable to their equivalent Kingdom officers.

To that end, I am asking for the crown principality to begin the process of having a Tir Mara deputy in place that wishes to become a Principality officer. I am not sure how long the process of Name and Device approval will take, but I want the crown principality to be ready when it does.

Editors Note: Device here provided courtesy of the Badger Herald Mistress Lyanna of Kernough and Master Gilbert the Short.

Officers of the NSR:

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Membership in the NSR

Currently our membership for the Northern Shores region is as follows;

| | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
| <i>Ar n-eilean ne</i> | 5 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 4 |
| <i>Ruantallan</i> | 133 | 118 | 140 | 149 | 103 |
| <i>Lyndhaven</i> | 29 | 29 | 34 | 42 | 27 |
| <i>Havres des Glace</i> | 48 | 46 | 52 | 62 | N/A |
| <i>L'isle du Dragon Dormant</i> | 69 | 46 | 76 | 61 | N/A |
| <i>Castle Nor</i> | 6 | 16 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| <i>Dragonet</i> | 9 | 24 | 12 | 17 | N/A |
| <i>Boise Ardent</i> | 12 | | | | |
| Total | 311 | 284 | 334 | 356 | |

As I am not 100% on all the postal codes in the province of Quebec, some memberships in that region may fluctuate up or down. The total remains the same however.

12th Night Customs

Compiled from Wikipedia

12th is still regarded by many people as the end of the Christmas season, and this has a long-standing official sanction, as the Council of Tours of AD 567 ruled that the twelve days from the Nativity to the Epiphany would constitute one religious festival.

The Twelfth Night cake was made the centre of a particular custom, by which a King and Queen were chosen to preside over the festivities. A bean and a pea were baked in the cake, and when slices were handed out to the company, whoever got the piece with the bean in it became King, while whoever got the pea was Queen. The custom was so well known that 'The King of the Bean' was proverbial for someone temporarily in charge of celebratory fun.

The Lord of Misrule symbolizes the world turning upside down. On this day the King and all those who were high would become the peasants and vice versa. Midnight signaled the end of his rule and the world would return to normal. The common theme was that the normal order of things was reversed. This Lord of Misrule tradition can be traced to pre-Christian European festivals such as the Celtic festival of Samhain and the Ancient Roman festival of Saturnalia.

Upcoming A&S workshops

Currently, the following workshops are planned for the Northern Shores Region:

January 23rd – Sari underclothing workshop – Canton of Seashire Barony of Ruantallan

Feb 13th – Creating a pleasing menu for feasts – Canton of Seashire, Barony of Ruantallan

End of Feb- Beginning March – Sewing schola – Canton of Distant Shore, Barony of Ruantallan

March 6th – Baronial A&S Championships – Barony of L'ile Dragon Dormant

March 27th – Banner Making – Canton of Seashire, Barony of Ruantallan.

If any group has any upcoming classes and would like them listed in the newsletter, please send your submissions to Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys at gwen@moonsandstars.com

NSR Regional Championships

The following events are in need of an autocrat/event bid:

Northern Shores Rapier Championships
(for Spring 2010)

Northern Shores Archery Championships
(for Summer 2010)

Northern Shores Rattan Championship
(for Fall 2010)

Northern Shores Arts & Sciences Championship
(for Fall 2010)

*If you are interested in running an event to house any of these championships, please contact the current champion to see if they are interested in helping with the endeavor.

If there are any groups considering a bid for a Kingdom level event, please advise the populace of the region, so that we, as the Northern Shores Region, can work together to avoid potential event conflicts. The region has a yahoo mailing group called "northprinc" to help facilitate communications across our vast region.

Contribute to the NSR Aurora Borealis:

The next edition of the Northern Shores Regional Newsletter, the *Aurora Borealis* is due to be available online by April 1, 2010.

All contributions for the next issue must be received no later than March 1, 2010. No submissions after that date will be accepted for the April issue.

Contributions should be sent to:

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(gwen@moonsandstars.com)

Please note:

Newsletter editors reserve the right to edit content as required for space and content. We will do our best to present your contributions in full, however, some edits may be required to accommodate for limited space