

## *Chronicler's Corner*

By Lady Isobel Mure

Well met and welcome back to *The Derneherald*.

There have been a great many changes since the last issue. The most notable are our own Shire members who are now Baronial Champions; THL Ediard an Gobhain, Lady Finnseach de Locheil, Lord Torquil McAlpin, and Zippora Ledayle. Congratulations to all of you for your accomplishments.

Our event went off beautifully, despite the rain. We all returned from Pennsic whole, for the most part.

A former member of the Shire was married at Pennsic, and had a smaller ceremony for family early last month. So congratulations are due to Lady Rowen Hen Enaid on her marriage to Sir Ustad.

Also congratulations are due to Cuðbirth se Breowere on his engagement.

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*From the desk of the Seneschal.*

With the tides of war far behind us it is yet time again time to turn our eyes to the encroaching winter wolves. This is the time of year we hone our skills and set about to prepare ourselves for the spring outings that seem so far away. Now, with the season of the ghost upon us take a moment to reflect on the Scadian “regrets” of “wish I had learned to...” or “Wish I had done...” Let these dead memories of regret pass away forever and get yourself more involved in things. Learn a new skill or teach one. Fix your armor or learn how to fight! All these things have merit not only in the Society but also in the real world as they expand not only your breadth of knowledge but help you build confidence in those things that you do every day. Once you have faced down the Eastern Army, a test is no sweat! Finish a handmade tunic that is period and an interview is nothing!

Also, take time this season as the holidays approach to remember those in need. You do not have to give just monies, but time or a kind word can be as valuable. Volunteer, organize and get involved somehow. Everyone can make a positive contribution in some way. Make a phone call, write a card or share those fresh baked cookies (hint, hint).

I remain yours in service to Barony and Crown,

-=Eidiard=-

## On being a Baronial Champion

By Lady Finnseach de Locheil

I don't remember much after my name was announced by Morgan at Court. I remember words being said and I seem to recall that some of it was praise. Then the cloak was thrown around my shoulders - and I was taken by surprise at how heavy it was. Not a physical weight, but more a psychological one. All I seem to remember thinking was “What do I do now?” I remember being handed one of the banner poles, partly because I made some quip to Eidiard about having a stick myself. So I stood there, trying to look at least as if I knew what I was doing and what was going on. I know I kept fidgeting with the cloak and to a lesser degree, with the banner pole. So, I looked across to His Grace, Duke Sir Talymar and took some of my cues from him - and tried to stand mostly kind of still.

After Eidiard and Torquil were installed as heavy and rapier Champions, the three of us were called in front of Baron Lamorak to swear an oath. I know I repeated words - but I have no recollection of what they were. “To serve where serve I may” was part of the oath and really about the only part I remember with any clarity.

I've never been a Champion before. Although I freely champion the arts, sciences and in truth all aspects of this great dream we call the SCA. People, too. So, one of my most recurring

thoughts since that day has been: "How can I inspire people?" Along with, "How does one go about actually \*being\* an Arts and Sciences Champion?" "How can I serve my Barony and particularly the people who \*are\* the Barony as an Arts and Sciences Champion?"

I think I will take my cue from my involvement with the Middle Kingdom Textile Artisans Guild and a few past Kingdom Ministers of Arts and Sciences....

Explore, learn, teach, inspire and make stuff

Don't be afraid to try new things - even if it's only to discover that you don't really enjoy it. Take that knowledge, pass it on and try something else. That is how we grow.

## From the Exchequer

On September 30, 2009, I (Shaun Tilton/Rubein Jericho) contacted Cathy Steele of Hocking Valley Bank in Athens Ohio regarding the issuing of bank/debit cards to any shire member. Ms. Steele, in writing, confirmed that no Debit or ATM cards have been issued on the account 773791. This meeting was done in person, and the contact number for Ms. Steele is 740-592-4441.

## The Anvil's Ring

**By: T.H.L. Eidiard an Gobhainn, O.G.R. (X2), CW, APF, OE**

Sometimes we ask, "Why am I here?" Such questions have plagued greater minds than my own for centuries and yet there is no simple answer. While I will not try to enter into discussions of classical philosophy here I will narrow the question down a little and put it in more of a context.

"Why am I a Scadian?" may be a better question. And this too, has no simple answer that fits everyone. Some will claim for the fighting, others for the learning. Yet, there are those who will ask this question with no better answer than "I don't know." All of these are right in their own way, but do you know why you are here? I can't answer that nor will I even try. Your answer is your own. All I can do is tell you why I am here to some extent.

I thrive on like minded people. I enjoy being with those who understand concepts of honor, chivalry and courtesy. I am here because I see something better in people than that which I run into every day out in the "real world." People who would, out there, not spend five minutes talking to one another will spend hours discussing the most trivial of things. Lawyers will wash dishes along side a maintenance man after a dinner made by a nurse and an author. Artists will teach, not based upon some monetary reward but for the sheer joy of seeing someone discover something new.

I have stood side by side with a trucker, a firefighter, two students, a prison guard and another tech person fighting till the sweat blinded me. On the field I have struck a man down for "killing" my SCA-daughter, like any good father would or would want to and after, offered him my hand to stand back up. Here I am surrounded by the family I have chosen. I am known by my actions and my words, not by the circumstances of my birth. Here, I am the man I wish to be.

If asked "Why are you a Scadian?" all I can reply in short is "Why not? What else can I be?"

-=Eidiard=-