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*Barony of North Woods'*

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**Newsletter for the Barony of North Woods**

**in the Pentamere Region**

**of the Kingdom of the Middle**

**of the Society for Creative Anachronism**



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All Baronies of the Middle Kingdom Are required to publish a newsletter quarterly, even if they have a web page. If you would like to submit an article to the newsletter, please send it to the Baronial Chronicler.

An electronic version of this newsletter can be found on the Barony of North Woods web page, under Missives.

# *Barony of North Woods*

## *Baronial Council Meeting*

April 17, 2016 (action items are in bold)

### **Their Excellencies** (Maximilian and Gwenllyen) –

- TE made a proposal to approve funds (~\$95) to reimburse them for folding director chairs to be used for a more portable traveling presence. These chairs will later be covered by chair covers (a future request will be made for fabric costs). A vote was held and the proposal was approved.
- Sewing nights will be held on 5-22 and 5-29 at Lady Endlin's house for chair covers (personal and/or baronial), as well as baby blankets. **TE will post an event page with further details.**
- HE Maximilian showed various pieces of his MoD accoutrements, including an excellent Northwoods legacy cloak made by Lady Morgaine.
- Northwoods Champions
  - Children champions were chosen at It Takes My Child to Raze a Village (Gavin for armored, Christian for archery, Jordan for rapier, John for thrown weapons and Nico for service).
  - Brigida will be making a cloak and obtaining a sword for the youth rapier champion.
  - Archery Champion will be chosen at Pentamere Archers College
  - Rapier Champion, A&S Champion and Thrown Weapons Champions will be chosen at Tyger Hunt on Saturday
  - Armored Champion will be chosen at Tyger Hunt on Sunday
  - Service Champion will be chosen at Ale to the Victors
- TE made a proposal to approve funds (\$50) to be given to Fearghas to help pay for supplies for Northern Stars (yellow stars are running out). A vote was held and the proposal was approved.
- Pennsic
  - The fighter bag project will be held again. Details will be forthcoming.
  - 'Out of This Universe and Into Another' is the theme of the party this year.
  - Baronial Champions tournaments will be possibly held on Wednesday. **Let TE know if you would like to help out with providing food.** Kata will be MIC for rapier. **An armored MIC is still being sought.**

### **Officer Reports**

**Seneschal** (Lucien Featherstone) - All reports are in. Thank you to all who reported!

- The charter is still being reviewed by the Kingdom Seneschal. There is no timeline for a return of the charter yet. **Lucien will update the Barony as information becomes available.**

- Awards- Put them in! Submit award recommendations to TE and the online system.

(<http://www.midrealm.org/op/recommend/login.php?from=/op/recommend/>)

**Exchequer** (Brigida Alderotti) - Report is in. Balance is \$2862.32. ~\$280 is in the special fund for regalia.

**Chronicler** (Sugawara no Tokihira) – Not present. **Please submit articles or ideas for articles to Sugawara.**

**Herald** (Verrix Verrtissignos) – All reports are in.

- Verrix will be attempting to hold office hours once per month, perhaps with visits to other groups.

**Chatelaine** (Rycheza Tkaczyc) – Not present. Gold Key inventory is in process, with a goal for completion of May 1. **Rycheza will log all of this property and send a list of items to the Web Minister and Exchequer.**

**Web Minister** (Rocco Barbarossa) – History section of the website is on hold until information is provided by the Chronicler.

- The ‘missives’ section is outdated. **Please send baronial newsletters and meeting minutes to Rocco.**

**Rapier Marshal** (Sugawara) – Not present.

**Minister of Youth** (Lady Sæhildr Barngodr) – It Takes My Child was a success.

- Youth activities are planned for Tyger Hunt. **Please contact Saehildr if interested in teaching.**

- **Inform Saehildr if you plan to have specific youth activities at an event (beyond fighting).**

**Knights Marshal** (Bjarg Kormaksson) – Not present.

**Minister of Arts and Sciences** (Fujinami no Kaede) – Not present. All reports are in.

**It is requested that all Canton officers copy their respective Baronial officer when they report. Baronial officers should copy the Baron and Baroness and the Seneschal.**

## Group Reports

### **Hawkland Moor**

- Morgaine has taken over as the new exchequer.
- Tyger Hunt and Smurf Shoot are coming up. Camping is welcome at Smurf Shoot.

### **Weld Lake**

- It Takes My Child to Raze a Village was a success.
- A group from the canton participated at Golden Seamstress.
- Reports are not reaching their intended targets when using the automatic copy lines on the web report form.

### **Ealdnordwuda**

- Pentamere Academy of Defense was a success. Half of the profit was split with Hidden Springs Church. **Lucien requests a date that would be acceptable to populace members to help clean up the church grounds.**
- Pentamere Archers College is on 5-21-16 at the Demmer Center
- Business meetings for the canton are every 2nd Wednesday of the month.
- Squires Tournament will be returning next Spring.

### **Fearann Na Criche**

- FNC is petitioning to join the Barony as a canton.
  - FNC used to be an incipient shire under Northwoods' sponsorship. A clear majority of support exists within the Shire and Barony (conducted by an unofficial show of hands). The shire has land abutting the Barony which is uncontested. A major advantage of this merger will be the acquisition of a port for Northwoods.
  - **Lucien and FNC will follow up with the kingdom transition deputy regarding the next steps in the process.**
- Call of the Waterhorse is coming in August.

## Old Business

None

## New Business

- The next Baronial Council meeting conflicts with the Sunday of Tyger Hunt. **Lucien will discuss alternate dates with the brewery.**
- A proposal was made to shift the start times of future council meetings to 1:30. The proposal was approved.

- Ale to the Victors is planned for 9-17-16 with Northwoods set to run the event. **Volunteers interested in helping to run the event should contact the Event Steward, Lady Petra.**
- HE Gwenllyen requests heraldy design ideas for the Baroness' baby project. **Submit ideas to Her Excellency.**

**Next meeting will be on TBD and 10-2-16 at Brewery Becker. All meetings will begin at 1:30 pm.**

## *Featured Article*

### **Baronial Poll on Fearan na Criche' Petition to Become a Canton**

See next page.

## *Poetry Corner*

### *New Shoots*

*The new bulbs spring forth  
Arrow-tipped shoots straining up  
Spearing to the sky  
Months spent coiled in tension  
Released to the spring's green life*



*Poll for Lateral Transition of Fearann na Críche  
From Shire to Canton of the Barony of Northwoods*

*Northwoods Baronial Member Poll*

The Crown of the Middle Kingdom wishes the widest possible counsel on matters relating to the Kingdom; thus, it is requested that all members respond to this poll.

**This poll will close on July 23, 2016. Any poll not postmarked by this date will be invalid.**

Please mail your completed poll to:  
Michel DePriest, 6768 Davis Highway, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the statement below by circling yes or no:

***The Shire of Fearann na Críche should change their status to  
canton of the Barony of Northwoods.***

YES NO

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Feel free to use the back of this page or a separate piece of paper for additional comments)

**The information below must be completed fully in order for your poll to be valid.**

SCA name \_\_\_\_\_ (put “none” if you don’t have one)

Legal name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street address) (city) (state) (zip)

Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Status (circle one): **Active** (i.e. paid) or **Lapsed**

Group \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Petitioning*



### *Shire of Fearann na Criche*

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