

**Fall 2017**



*Barony of North Woods'*

# *Holmgang*

**Newsletter for the Barony of North Woods  
in the Pentamere Region  
of the Kingdom of the Middle  
of the Society for Creative Anachronism**



Viking Longship *Draken Harald Hårfagre*. Image courtesy of Fujinami no Kaede © 2016

Cleat on the *Draken Harald Hårfagre*, a modern reproduction of a Viking longship that visited Pentamere in summer of 2016.

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*

October 15, 2017 (action items are in **bold**)

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

- Please submit award recommendations. Copy TE when you submit recommendations to the online system. (<http://www.midrealm.org/op/recommend/login.php?from=/op/recommend/>)
- The investiture of the new Baron and Baroness of North Woods will take place at It Takes My Child to Raze a Village on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The favor project for the investiture has been cancelled due to lack of response/ time.
- The Pentamere Pearl was won by a thrown weapons contest at Vikings Come Home by North Woods.
- Collection of items for the baby project will occur at Val Day.

### **Officer Reports**

**Seneschal** (Lucien Featherstone) - The Baronial polling schedule has been determined. Here is the general outline and dates:

<b>Week</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>
1-4	10/15 to 11/5	Baron/Baroness announce their intention to step down or baronial seneschal announces it is time for a polling- complete!
1-4	11/11 to 12/2	Baron/Baroness schedule question-and-answer sessions for those considering running for Baron/Baroness Deputy informs Crown and Kingdom Seneschal of impending poll and places Pale announcement
5-8	11/12 to 12/9	Baronial seneschal accepts letters of intent
9	12/10 to 12/16	Letters of intent due to baronial seneschal, forwarded to deputy
10-11	12/17 to 12/30	Deputy receives letters of intent, makes poll, gets member addresses, prepares mailing
12-15	12/31 to 1/27	Distribution and collection of polls
16-17	1/28 to 2/10	Deputy tabulates polls, writes synopsis, makes copies, sends packets to Crown and Kingdom Seneschal, sends bill to barony
18-25	2/11 to 4/7	Crown choses Baron/Baroness
26	April 7th	Investiture at It Takes My Child to Raze a Village

- The Baronial Officer election process has begun. The positions of Seneschal, Web Minister, and MoAS and Chatelaine are up for vote, as well as an open position for Youth Minister (term ends 2020). **If interested in these positions, please contact Lucien.** The deadline to apply is November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Exchequer** (Brigida Alderotti) - There will be a mandatory meeting for exchequers at Grand Day of Tournaments. The online reporting system is now live. Please use Midrealm email addresses when submitting reports. The system does not allow copied reports, so reports to others (TE, etc.) will need to be manually sent.

- The current balance is approximately \$2194.

**Minister of Arts and Sciences** (Fujinami no Kaede) - Fujinami will be stepping down after this term. If you have questions about the office, please contact her.

- There is some debate over the nonprofit status of the Society. The minister of arts and sciences and the chronicler are two positions that document and distribute what educational material members are working on. It is vital that members share what they are working on to their local MOAS and that local officers report such work up the chain.

- Please use the most up to date form when reporting. An online report is due to go live soon.

**Chronicler** (Sugawara no Tokihira) - Report is in.

**Herald** (Verrix Verrtissignos) - Report is in.

- Over 150 scribes received an augmentation of arms recently for their tireless work in producing award scrolls. Well done!

- Verrix is planning on stepping down at the end of his term (2019).

**Web Minister** (Rocco Barbarossa) - Rocco will be stepping down after this term. If you have questions regarding the office, please contact him. The office does not require extensive coding, but is more focused on content management.

**Knights Marshal** (Bjarg Kormaksson) - Not present. No report.

**Rapier Marshal** (Sugawara no Tokihira) - Domesday reports are due November 1<sup>st</sup>. Group marshals should include updated rosters (this is how the authorization database will be updated). All marshals (including those of the field) must make this report in order to be warranted.

**Chatelaine** (Open Position) - No report.

**Minister of Youth** (Open Position) - No report.

**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. If an officer is unable to make a meeting, a brief report should be sent to the Seneschal beforehand.**

### **Group Reports**

#### **Ealdnordwuda**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Night is scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup>. Planning for Pentamere Academy of Defense is also underway.
- A 'Touranment of Arts' will be sponsored by Their Majesties. HE Gwenllyen will be running a 'concert hall' devoted to performances. HE is also seeking help for food for the staff/entertainers of the concert hall. There is also a call for volunteers in general. **If interested in helping in any way, please contact Lady Brigida.** It was requested that the website for 12<sup>th</sup> Night be updated to include the Barony more prominently.
- Practices are Wednesdays at the MSU Pavilion from 6 until 9. Business meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at the same site/time.

#### **Weald Lake**

- Planning It Takes My Child X for April 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are being sought, especially as this event is hosting Their Majesties and a Baronial investiture.
- Another event, 'Grand Tour', is being planned, which will feature a variety of cultures across the world as the focus for the event.
- Herald's Pointe will become a travelling event which rotates among groups within Pentamere.

#### **Hawkland Moor**

- Wassail is planned for December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Fearann Na Criche**

- Call of the Waterhorse was a success.
- Practices are Thursday nights in Midland at 6pm at Pateley's. Business meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month at the Barnes and Noble in Saginaw at 1pm.

#### **Altenberg**

- Current work includes a great deal of crafting projects.
- Business meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at the Mt. Clemens Library at 7pm.

## **Old Business**

- None.

## **New Business**

- It was agreed that current Baronial candidates for Baron and Baroness as well as the current Baron and Baroness may be candidates for open Baronial council positions. If a candidate is selected as the new Baron or Baroness, a special election will be held to choose a new officer. In the interim, a deputy or the outgoing officer will hold the position until the election can be conducted (or their current Excellencies are able to take the position, in that instance).

- A proposal for an Officers Meeting was proposed. This would be an event with class tracks devoted to different positions as well as roundtables devoted to more general topics such as burnout, how to deal with problems, etc. The intent is to serve as a venue for education and discussion. **This event idea should be discussed by the Barony further.**

- **Please send all meeting times and locations for regularly occurring practices/ meetings to Lucien.** This information will be uploaded to the Baronial Website to better encourage participation and to serve as a point of contact for newer members.

**Next meetings will be on 1-14-18, 4-15-18, 7-8-18 and 10-14-18 at Brewery Becker. All meetings will begin at 1:30 pm.**

*Featured Article*  
**2017 Baronial Ballot**

See next page. Ballot for upcoming Baronial elections.

# 2017 Baronial Ballot

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Group \_\_\_\_\_

Open Positions (Terms Begins 1-31-18)

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Office of Seneschal (Term Expires 1-31-21)

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Maximilian der Zauberer

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Office of Chatelaine (Term Expires 1-31-21)

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Gwenllyen the Minstrel

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Office of Minister of Arts and Sciences (Term Expires 1-31-21)

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Aliyah Bat Asriel

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Office of Webminister (Term Expires 1-31-21)

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Celestria de Cranham

Saehildr Barngodr

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Office of Youth Minister (open position) (Term Expires 1-31-20)

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# *Baron and Baroness*

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