# THE VIGILANCE

# SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2009 - A.S. XLIV



GREAT MOMENTS IN HISTORY: HASTINGS, ENGLAND - OCTOBER 14, 1066

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### Shire News:

**Congratulations to:** THL Antonio for receiving his first fencing authorization! **Best Wishes:** for a speedy recovery to Cara Seekings (Thorvaldt's lady) who recently underwent multiple surgeries.

**Deepest Condolences to:** The family of Lord Lawrence James (mka Larry Pryor) of the Hael who passed away after a long bout with cancer on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations to:** Aaron the Swift, Tom of Hunter's Home and Raphael of the Middle for their victory in the Division 2 East/Middle 3 Man Melee Tourney at Pennsic.

**Congratulations to:** Lord Ian Kennoven and Aaron the Swift for their victory in the adult/youth tag team tourney at Pennsic.

**Congratulations to:** Aaron the Swift, Tom of Hunter's Home, Thorstien of AEthelmearc, Oswin of the East and Gar of the Middle Kingdom in the Division 2 Atlantian/AEthelmearc 5 Man Melee Tourney at Pennsic.

**Congratulations to**: Tiberius for placing 7th in Tarl's Little Pole Arm Tourney at Pennsic.

**Condolences to:** Baroness Helena of Rhydderich Hael whose cat Point of Mew passed away while she was at Pennsic.

**Condolences to:** Constantinia from Rhydderich Hael whose cat Solomon has run away. We're keeping our fingers crossed for his safe return.

**Congratulations to:** Lady Biota and Lord Belgraunde who celebrated their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a BBQ bash on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations to:** Our 'new' officers for the upcoming year; Exchequer – Duchess Dorinda Courtenay; Herald – Lord Bjorn Einarrson; Knight Marshall – Lord Ian Kennoven; Minister of A & S – THL Cigfran Caer Gwalch;

Minister of the Lists – Baroness Marguerite Louise de la Marche; Chatelaine –

THL Antonio deLuna; Webmaster - THF Dagonell the Juggler

**Congratulations to:** Etain & Mattuse of Blackwater on the birth of their daughter Rowan Elizabeth Dempsey, born August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:18pm weighing 6lbs 13 oz, and 19 inches long

**Happy Birthday to:** THL Cigfran Caer Gwalch who will be celebrating on September 10<sup>th</sup>!

**Happy Birthday to:** Lady Siobhan inghean ui Liathain who will be celebrating on September 28<sup>th</sup>!

**Happy Birthday to:** Lord Tronose Modoc who will be celebrating on October 4<sup>th</sup>!

**Congratulations to:** Lord William the White and m'lady Thora who will be getting married on October 10<sup>th</sup>!

**Congratulations to:** Cigfran and Dagonell who will be celebrating their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 26<sup>th</sup>!

# **Greetings Herons!**

I am very grateful to all that were able to attend the Youngsville Corn Festival. We received a tremendous amount of positive feedback from the event organizers and the community at large. Thank you: Dorinda, Jacob, Tiberius, Marcus, Dagonell, Charles, Becorn, Meave, Keinwen & Crew (sans Captain,) Lynn, Becky and Big Steve. We took 2nd place in the parade! Over 400 people stopped by to watch the fencing, heavy and thrown weapons demonstrations as well as the A&S and bardic arts on display on Saturday. The Sunday crowd was much smaller, but no less enthusiastic. ROY (Revitalization of Youngsville) has invited us back for next years event, if we so choose and I believe we should! There is more than enough room to expand the scope of our operation.

To top it off Antonio made the front page of the Warren Times Observer! <a href="http://www.timesobserver.com/page/content.detail/id/520848.html?nav=5006">http://www.timesobserver.com/page/content.detail/id/520848.html?nav=5006</a>
In Service, Ian Kennevan



[ Editor's Note: By the time you read this, the article will be gone from the Observer and available in our online library at: <a href="http://www.heronter.org/Library/cornfestival2009.html">http://www.heronter.org/Library/cornfestival2009.html</a> ]

# The Machine Stops

This fall, Hilbert College is performing a play which takes place in a medieval tavern. It's entitled "The Machine Stops" and was written by the man directing it, Taylor Dorherty. They came to us asking to borrow props and costumes as they have virtually no budget. Since Hilbert is actually within the Barony of the Rhydderich Hael, a representative of Hilbert theater, Golde, accompanied Dagonell to the Hael's July 7<sup>th</sup> business meeting. The Hael agreed that the barony and the shire would jointly contribute to the project. As of press time, the majority of props and costumes have been supplied with only a few items still needed.

The play will run on two consecutive weekends, September 11-13th and September 18-20th. Both groups were also invited to do a demo on opening night, September 11th, however since that's the day before The Morguhn Sheridan Memorial Tournament at Summer's End, it was decided that the logistics were too difficult. We have however, been invited to attend the play for free on the final night, September 20th and join the closing cast party! We'll be able to pick up all of our gear that day as well, long before the shire's Harvest Raid event. For more details, read the shire's Yahoo groups page.

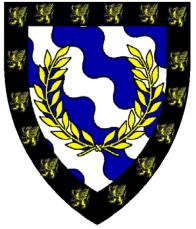


# **Photos of Pennsic 2009:**

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Photos of Scandinavian Festival Viking Village Demo 2009: http://www.flickr.com/photos/dagonell/sets/72157622154568026

Photos of Youngsville Corn Festival Demo 2009: http://www.flickr.com/photos/dagonell/sets/72157622029783761



The Canton of Beau Fleuve invites one and all to celebrate the beginning of autumn at our Summer's End event on September 12, 2009. Our activities will include a delicious feast as well as tournaments in fencing, thrown weapons, and youth combat. For those not martially inclined, there will be an arts and sciences competition.

This event will also host the Duke Morghun Sheridan Memorial Tournament for rattan fighters. This will be a weapons proficiency

tournament with separate lists for pole arm, great sword, sword and shield, and two weapons. Fighters should wear the favor of their lord or lady this day to honor their inspiration.

The site is St. John de La Salle church at 8469 Buffalo, Ave., Niagara Falls, NY 14304. The site is damp, opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 10 p.m. The cost for adults is \$8 site fee, \$17 on-board. Youths from 6 to 17 are half-price. Children under 6 are free. Non SCA members must pay a \$3 surcharge at the door. Please make checks payable to "SCA Inc-. Canton of Beau Fleuve". The only good reservation is a paid reservation. Send reservations to Lady Edith of Winterton (Caroline Elliott) 38 Chateau Terrace, Amherst, NY 14226 edithofwinterton@yahoo.com

Baroness Teresa Gabriela de Montoya y Seville (Tracey R. Stoever) is preparing the feast. For any questions regarding the feast contact her by e-mail ae.chronicler@aethelmearc.org

Merchants and anyone else with questions should contact the autocrat Sir Sextus Plinius Callidus (Phil Simonds) 387 Niagara St, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, e-mail spcallidus@yahoo.com (716) 692-0492 no calls after 9 pm please.

### Directions-

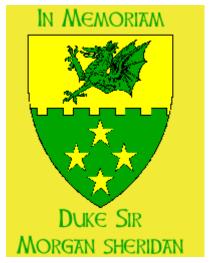
From Buffalo: Take I-190 North\*\* over the Grand Island Bridges (toll road). Exit at Buffalo Ave., turn right and follow Buffalo Ave to the church, it will be on the right.

From the East: Take I-90 to I-290 to I-190 North. Follow from \*\* above.

From Canada: Take the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge to I-190 South. Exit at Buffalo Ave and turn left and follow it to the church.

Duchesses Rowan de la Garnison and Meirwen uerch Owein happily announce that the Duke Morguhn Sheridan Memorial Tournament will be held Saturday, September 12, at Summer's End in the Canton of Beau Fleuve.

The tournament will be a weapons proficiency tournament, with individual winners for each form list (sword and shield, single



weapon, pole arm/long weapon, and two weapon) and an overall champion. Every entrant is required to bear the favor of his or her inspiration in the tournament and to show the favor to the Mistress of the Lists to register. You do not have to identify the giver of the favor.

The tournament will be held, rain or shine. Come! "Fight for the honor, and fight for the glory...Fight with your heart...."

Why, some might ask, in Beau Fleuve. There are many reasons. He was crowned there, he stepped down there, he received his Pelican there. And Summer's End, 2008, was the last event he attended. He had a wonderful day of fighting and friendship. Let us do the same, this year.



33 Ways to Lace a Lady's Bodice (or your sneakers): http://www.fieggen.com/shoelace/lacingmethods.htm

Better diagrams of the same lacings: http://www.maildumper.com/how-to-tie-your-shoe-laces.html



# HARVEST RAID XVI

Join the Shire of Heronter September 25th through 27th for its 16th annual Harvest Raid! We are honored to announce that we will be hosting The King's Championship for Heavy Weapons as well as the Kingdom Thrown Weapons Championship. The event will be held once again at the beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center (no street

address) on Route 430 in Bemus Point, NY and will include a weekend of friends, feasting, fighting, fencing, thrown weapons, archery, arts and sciences, puppet show ...did we mention friends and feasting?

The feast will be an old fashioned pig roast with seasonal side dishes prepared by Cheryl of Heronter (headcook@heronter.org) and is limited to 100 seats.

Fees are as follows:

Site Fee: \$9.00 Adults Feast Fee: \$7.00 Adults

Cabin Fee: \$6.00 Adults (Weekend)
Tent Fee: \$1.00 Adults (Weekend)

Children (5-12) are half price, those under 5 are free. Students (13-17) will be discounted to half price for the day fee, but knowing how many of them can eat, we must ask the full adult feast price for those who wish to stay for dinner. The site fee includes a sideboard lunch and the camping/cabin fees include a light breakfast on Saturday. A family cap (2 adults and their children) will be set at \$70.

Reservations should be sent to Duchess Dorinda Courtenay (Dorinda Courtine-White, 47 Chestnut Street, Jamestown NY 14701, phone 716-664-5487 before 10:00 p.m. or exchequer@heronter.org). Please note that, as per Society policy, a \$3 non-member surcharge will be charged on top of all other fees for those gentles age 18 and over who do not have proof of membership when they check in at the door. All questions can be directed to the Event Steward, THL Antonio de Luna (Brian Newman, eventsteward@heronter.org, phone 716-397-0453 between 5 and 10 p.m.)

### Directions:

From the West, South and East: Take your best route to I-86 (former Route 17). Take Exit 10 (Westfield/Mayville) to get to Route 430 West. (From the West it is marked only as Route 430 West. Do not take exit 9 to Bemus Point). Follow the signs for Route 430 West towards Westfield and Mayville. From the exit, it will be several miles to the site (3 or 4 miles depending on where you start counting). You will pass Long Point Park and Midway Park before seeing the Lutheran Camp on your left. The camp is at the top of a long hill next to a huge tree. The sign is difficult to spot, so we will try to mark the spot well. The camp is across the road from a restaurant now called "The Hot Fish Shop".

From the North: Take your best Route to I-90. Exit at the Westfield exit (#60) and take Route 394 to Mayville. Pick up Route 430 East and follow to the site. The site will be on your right and will be marked as above.

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### **Recreating the Glory of the Middle Ages**

We have all seen them - at least on film, and if we are lucky, in person. Two noble Knights, mounted on giant steeds. The call is given and they begin to thunder towards each other - each striving to dismount his opponent and thus show his skill at the sport of JOUSTING!

Well this year at Pennsic, HRH Henri and his household decided to bring some of this magic to the AEthelmearc party.

Unfortunately, we are not permitted to have horses at Cooper's Lake, so a small substitution was made. Yes, those present got to witness the glory that was COW JOUSTING! It is actually much like normal jousting, except the "Knights" ride bovine steeds! Well, actually, cows aren't allowed either, so these cows may have been two by fours and barrels on wheels pulled by squires, but the important part is that there was JOUSTING!

Two noble lords gave a first set of passes so we all understood how it worked. They lined up on opposite sides of a barrier, and when the call was given, charged along and attempted to knock each other off. Points were given for a shield hit, and head shot, a body shot or for dismounting the opponent. After three passes, it was announced how many points each had scored against his opponent and "counters" were delivered to the participants based on these points. (I can not describe the tokens given for scoring points as they were delivered in a cup, but they did appear to be liquid in nature.)

The second set of passes was between our King and our Prince. It was a hard felt battle, but in the end, His Highness seemed to be having trouble with his mount. Perhaps because he is more used to horses, the Prince was unhorsed . . . er, un-cowed more than once resulting in a victory for our King.

It is difficult to explain the pageantry and excitement that is cow jousting, but perhaps you will get to see this activity here in AEthelmearc. Maybe even soon.

Dorinda, Pennsic Reporter

# <u>Upcoming Calendar – includes non-SCA events of interest</u>

### SEPTEMBER

September 7 -- Labor Day

September 10 -- Cigfran Caer Gwalch's Birthday

September 11 -- World Trade Center Anniversary

September 11-13 The Machine Stops play

September 11-12 – Red ,White & Blues Festival (Fredonia)

http://www.festivalsfredonia.com/content/red-white-blues

September 18-20 The Machine Stops play

September 19 -- Talk Like a Pirate Day

http://www.talklikeapirate.com

September 19 -- Rosh Hashanah

September 20 -- AEthelmearc Day

September 21 -- Mabon

September 22 -- Fall Equinox

September 25-27, 2009 -- Harvest Raid

http://www.heronter.org/Events/harvest2009.html

September 28 -- Siobhan inghean ui Liathain's Birthday

September 28 -- Yom Kippur

### **OCTOBER**

October 3 Penn Dixie Scare-assic Park Demo Hael

October 4 -- Tronose Modoc's Birthday

October 10 -- Will and Thora's wedding

October 10 -- Hunter's Moon (Hartstone)

October 12 -- Thanksgiving Day (Canada)

October 12 -- Columbus Day

October 14, 1066 -- Battle of Hastings

October 16-17 -- Harvest Moon Tour

http://www.festivalsfredonia.com/content/harvest-moon-cemetery-tours

October 17 - Fall Crown Tournament (Coppertree)

October 24 -- August Collegium (Beau Fleuve)

October 31 -- AEcademy (Sylvan Glen)

October 31 -- Halloween

October 31 - Samhain

#### **NOVEMBER**

November 1 -- All Saints Day

November 1 -- Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 11 -- Veteran's Day

November 14 -- Hallowtide (Blackwater)

November 23 -- Caitlin deLuna's Birthday

November 26 -- Thanksgiving (U.S.A.)

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