

Wye's Mouth

Being the November, 2012 edition of the Newsletter of the Shire of Wyewood, An Tir, SCA
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Corner o' the Mouth

Greetings, all! To my surprise, I found myself suddenly the Acting Chronicler of Wyewood at the Shire Meeting in late October. I apologize for sending out a newsletter in a clearly kluged format, but I have not yet received the pretty format. My thanks go out to Grace of Wyewood, who undertook to resurrect this newsletter and has had to step down.

There is such wonderful news and information we need to share with everyone that I felt a need go ahead even in this poor format. While I'm Acting Chronicler, this will be the title of my chronicler's corner and it will be properly at the back of the Wye's Mouth. --Mir

Baronial Progress

We have received approval to start the process of becoming a Barony, just after our October Business Meeting! Watch our website, where our wonderful Webminister, Wenyeva atte Greene, has posted a coronet bid picture and will SHORTLY be posting the resumes, vision statements and 3 questions the baronial candidates chose to type up and submit for publishing. The questions we were asked are given on page 2. Sadly, no-one stepped forth to give an account of the job interview that Dame Esclarmonde led gallantly, and your chronicler was a wee bit distracted.

Municifent Gentels by Athelyna

There are some that have the gift of hospitality and make their guests feel at ease and comfortable. This is evidence of a generous soul. There are some that have an eye for lovely little baubles and seem to know exactly which heart would be delighted in receiving them. Recently, I was given a gift of a soprano and alto recorder by one of these kind benefactors to ensure we have instruments available for any new and aspiring musicians. I'd like to say thank you Kate the Curious for the thoughtful donation to the arts in Wyewood. It has been noticed that you seem to have a knack for ferreting out lovely little baubles. I also observed the grand sword donated by Gabri (Lady Gabrielle Lepinay-ed) for our rapier champion. And a loan of a spinning wheel was given to a youth in our shire that is interested in fiber arts by Miranda, Em'me & Beleg. It is a wondrous thing to be involved with such a bighearted community. Well done, Wyewood!

The Wyewood Players

This group continues to meet on the first and third Monday of every month. Our most recent event was the Emprise and there is a request for an event in November. Please contact Matillis or Athelyna for practice times and locations.

Baronial Candidate Questions

1. Do you believe that Wyewood should have a sergeantry, or should we continue on the model of the Fyrd? Either way, what would the role of such a group be? How will you foster its growth? (2 minutes per couple)
2. In the past, our Royal Patrons Earl Cire and Countess Elisabeth created the companies of the fork, knife, and spoon, and gave out patron tokens to all good works. Which, if any, of these traditions do you intend to reinstate, and what other awards and encouragements do you plan to uplift local individuals, including our youth? (2 minutes per couple)
3. Wyewood has a long tradition of silliness and fun. This sometimes this comes into conflict with the drive towards authenticity. Which of the two do you wish to emphasize in the branch? (Note: I don't want to hear "We will balance the two" or "They are equally important" or "We will find period things that are silly." That's nice but doesn't tell anyone about you. Besides, I'm pretty sure I can peg which of you falls on which side of the line. Just be honest and we will all still love you— Esclarmonde) How will you foster either or both? (2 minutes per couple)
4. How will you build camaraderie within the barony? (1 minute per couple)
5. Describe how you intend to cultivate the interaction between Wyewood and other local branches and households. (1 minute per couple)
6. What do you feel is your role as Baron and Baroness in relation to kingdom activities? (1 minute per couple).
7. Tell about the connections you have outside of Wyewood and how they will help

you as you work to develop the barony of Wyewood. (1 minute per couple)

8. Other than areas previously discussed, how will you use your position to enhance the game? (1 minute per couple)
 9. How many out-of-town and kingdom events are you able to attend per year, given modern commitments and finances? How else will modern or non-SCA commitments impact your ability to fulfill the baronial role? (1 minute per couple).
 10. Do you see any reasons by which either of you may need to vacate the baronial position in the foreseeable future? (30 seconds per couple).
 11. This question was asked in general but I believe only applies to Evrard: As a member of a household, how will your relationship to your household be affected by elevation to Wyewood Baron? (Evrard, you get 2 minutes if you need it). If this applies to someone else, let me know.
 12. What do you see as the risks and opportunities with being the first baron/baroness of Wyewood? Please make your response summative of the main things you want to communicate to the shire of your vision for the future. (2 minutes per couple)
- ** Insert follow-up questions from populace here**
13. What is the average airspeed velocity of an unladen swallow? (I'm not kidding. Someone asked this, and I think it would be a great way to end the evening – something to lighten the mood and have a little fun. You have 15 seconds per couple to give us a witty answer).

Each candidate pair has submitted their answers on three to the website!

October Business Meeting Notes
Shire of Wyewood
Business Meeting Notes
October 26, 2012

I. Agenda ~ Meeting was called to open by Constantine at 7:07 at the Des Moines Community Center.

- 2013 Budget
- Officer Positions
- Baronial Progress
 - Update from Working Committees

Officer Changes: Office of Herald is currently open and will remain open through November 2nd. There is one applicant. Avine is reapplying. November officer meeting will vote on herald candidates. Chronicler position is currently open. Mir announced that he is the deputy Chronicler and will fill-in until a new volunteer assumes the role of Chronicler. Office of Seneschal interviews will happen after the business meeting.

Baronial Progress: This Saturday is the BOD meeting for the Society and it is anticipated that our baronial bid will be read into the meeting minutes and the Society Seneschal will be making a final decision. An announcement for intent to begin polling must appear in the Crier before polling can begin. The deadline to publish in the Crier is October 28th. A request was made by the Seneschal regarding folk who may be in our borders and may not be active with Wyewood. If the populace knows about these folk, please communicate our baronial progress with them.

Working Committees:

* *Meet & Greet (Job Interview) the Baronial Candidates:* Esclarmonde, Chair

Purpose: To introduce the baronial candidates to the populace. The proposal is to have formal and informal sessions with the candidates and the populace. This committee will also arrange interviews with the candidates and the crown.

Update: The first meet and greet will be held at the next FCS, November 9th. The candidates will have an opportunity to share their vision for the shire and to ask questions. Send questions by email to Esclarmonde by November 5th and cc: Matillis. A second meeting will be scheduled, which will probably be a little more informal and will be on an evening other than FCS.

* *Champion Regalia :* Miranda, Chair
Purpose: To evaluate the current condition of champion's regalia and recommend purchases and / or construction designs for new items, make a proposal to the officers and the populace, and finalize approved items.
Members: Alianora, Dietrich, and Robert
Update: Miranda has been hosting weekly meetings on Wednesday. Miranda is working on repairing champion's regalia and the rapier cloak has been repaired. A new rapier sword has been donated by Gabri (Lady Gabrielle Lepinay -ed).

* *Baronial Regalia :* Alianora, Chair
Purpose: To prioritize requirements for baronial regalia, with the procurement of the coronets being the primary objective of the committee.
Update: The design was made to focus on items needed prior to investiture. Coronets are a primary focus and designs have been submitted. Committee is accepting design ideas until the end of the month. Baronial cloak design has been decided on. Coronet boxes have been donated Amalin and Beleg is project

managing their completion. Officer medallions are being created. Next meeting will be on November 7th.

Event Proposal for Mostly Messes: Dame Esclarmonde presented an event proposal for a camping event that will have Ithra type classes that you “wouldn’t dare host inside”. Gwen moved to accept the event proposal. Majority approved.

12 Night 2014: Alianora is working on merchants. Has room reservation system in process. Lot’s of activities planned including a *Pas of Arms with a ladies viewing gallery*. If the branch wants to reserve a suite, it is something that we should think about now.

Emprise of the Black Lion: Alianora gave a final update on the event and thanked everyone who volunteered. The shire expects to share in the approximately \$700 profit of which Wyewood will receive half.

III. Opens

Emma will be happy to coordinate a potluck for the December 14th FCS. Everyone said, yea, with a plan to start at 7:00 p.m. with doors opening at 6:45. More details from Emma soon.

Master Mir recommended an order of the Perwinkle in honor of Ellen Karlsdotter

that would be given for feast service. This suggestion would be presented to the new Baron and Baroness if the BOD approves Wyewood’s change in branch status. Asking for an all in favor the entire shire said yes.

Armorials are being planned to work on again and Esclarmonde asked for any one with new registered devices.

New rapier sword was presented to the rapier champion.

New Business: Des Moines site is \$75 a night. The Federal Way Masonic lodge is offering a weekly meeting time for \$50 (this turned out to be incorrect, price to be negotiated, probably \$100-150/month for four meetings a month. –ed) A ceremony room is available and also has an auditorium as well as kitchen area. The Des Moines site decision needs be made by mid December. Do we want to research this other facility? Mir asked folk to email him to go on a preview of the site. The populace is interested pursuing the site.

IV. Adjournment ~ Motion to close the meeting was made by Alianora. Rasmus seconded and meeting was closed at 8:35 p.m.

Frytour blanched. (FC 153)

*Take almaundes blanched, and grynde hem al to
doust withouten eny lycour. Do thereto powder of
gyngeuer, sugur and salt, do this in a thynne foile.
Close it therinne fast, and frye it in oile, clarifie hony
with wyne, and bake it therewith.*

Redaction 3/10/98 by Celeste, Tamsin and
Deborah

- 32 wonton wrappers
- 1 ½ cup blanched almonds
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp ginger

Grind almonds in food processor to as fine a dust
as possible, taking care not to break the oil out.
Mix with other ingredients.

Place mixture by tablespoon on a single wrapper,
form into ravioli envelope and seal well with
warm water. Place in hot olive oil and fry until
golden brown and slightly puffed, being sure oil is
deep enough to cover. Drain on paper towels.

Sauce:

- 2 cups red wine
- ½ cup honey

Place in saucepan and reduce by half to less than 1
cup.

Place ravioli envelopes in a baking dish, pour
sauce over all and place in 350 oven and bake 10
minutes.

Comments: outstanding. Fried just enough to be
crispy, not at all greasy. The wine sauce is
exceptional. Next time make double the sauce and
reserve some for dipping, and might reduce a little
further so that it is slightly thicker.

Two cooked and two uncooked fritters were
frozen for a test thaw later on. Thawed three
weeks later the cooked ones were excellent. The
uncooked ones became somewhat fragile with
freezing and thawing, so freezing cooked is
probably best.

Kingdoms of the Known World

Alianora Greymoor

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- Ealdormere
- East
- Gleann Abhann
- Lochac
- Meridies
- Middle
- Northshield
- Outlands
- Trimaris
- West

(editor apologizes, the .pdf wouldn't transfer since
I had to use Word not the Wyewood template.
Watch your columns! The key will be in
December's Wye's Mouth)