

Ramshaven Herald



Summer/Fall 2016 Edition
AS LI

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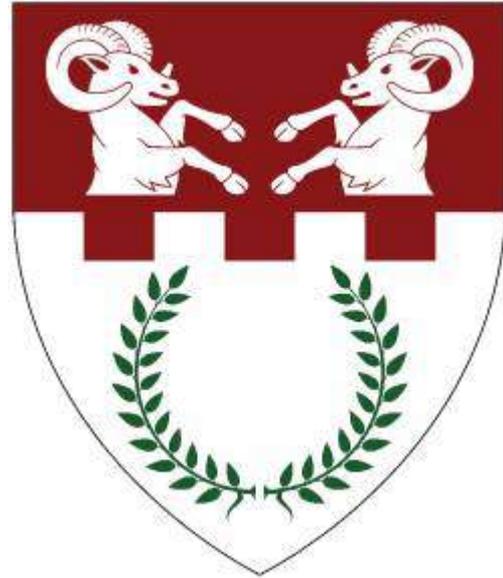
My, but how 2016 has flown by! Between extremes of weather and a busy schedule of weekend events and A & S classes, life for citizens of Ramshaven has been anything but dull.

Of course, the most important item of note is the Society's 50th anniversary on May 1st! AS LI will see many new faces, many changes, and many happenings in general.

This particular issue of the Herald will be a bit dense, as it covers the summer and fall seasons (June through October). We'll review, at a high level, the highlights of the past few months in and around the Barony.

We also have a special article from Adnar about his experience this year at Pennsic, as well as an overview of upcoming A & S classes from Cesare and forthcoming events.

Thank you for reading!



There To Now: A (Half-) Year in Review

By Feorghas MacKenna

For citizens of the great Barony of Ramshaven, there has not been a lack of things to occupy one's time over the past few months!

June saw several events: Pikeman's Pleasure XXVI, hosted by the Canton of Petrea Thule, was the first event in the summer's heat, on the 4th of June. There was much armoured and rapier combat, an archery tournament, and thrown weapons Royal Rounds.

Murder Melee, held at the Binbrook Conservation Area and hosted by our friends in Ben Dunfirth, was the first camping event of the summer. It was hot, it was rainy - briefly - and it was just slightly windy on melee day.

In addition to the Torchlight Tournament - taken by Ramshaven's own Josh Ryder - there was the Newcomer's Tournament, won by Bartholmus Hespeler, in which Ramshaven swept the podium! (Just don't ask how many entrants there were...) Ramshaven's massive melee team showed strong in the melees themselves, winning four of six bouts. We even sent combatants to flesh out the Uberbunny team, as well as the Unbelts.

A number of Ramshaven citizens made the trek across the border to Danville, Indiana, to attend the 50th Anniversary event from June 17th to the 27th. There were many displays to take in - The Great Machine, a recreation of the Sutton Hoo dig, and even jousting! Many friendships were forged and renewed.

2016's Trillium War - also known as Trillies, for those not yet in the know - was yet another scorcher of an event. I hear tales of the ice cream truck making a tidy sum yet again this year...

Of course, who could forget our very own Baron's Brouhaha? Their Excellencies hosted, for a third year, an excellent event to

entertain interests of all sorts. Heavy and rapier combat; thrown weapons and archery; Bardic circles by firelight; mead-making; blacksmithing; even bee-keeping! For some, though, the highlight was the Pluck-A-Duck A&S contest. The feathers were flying, literally and figuratively! If you've never experienced Settlers of the Ram, you need to make sure to attend Brouhaha 2017.

Pennsic XLV, I've been told, was certainly one for the record books. Despite many acts of skill, bravery, and chivalry, in the end, the heat scored more war points than either East or Middle... However, on August 10th, Duchess Rylyn reported that Up The Hill had swept the banners - Baron Penda for Heavy, Jobjorn for rapier, and Daniel for thrown weapons! Wassail and well done!



As the heat of summer died down (or, at the very least, should have died down) and many Scadians opted to take mundane vacations, several events were held outside of the Barony: Summer Siege in Skraeling Althing; Baron's Howe in The Shire of BrennesteinVatn; Feast of the Bear in Eoforwic.

Fall Coronation took place on September 17th, where Prince Siegfried Brandboern - having demonstrated his martial prowess during the Spring Crown Tourney on May 28th - and his consort, Princess Kristinia Viacheslavova, were elevated to the thrones of Ealdormere. Wassail and congratulations to their Majesties!

In the next issue of the Herald, we'll recount the excitement of the Fall Crown Tournament!

Tales That Grow In The Telling

By Adnar Dionadair



While at Pennsic, for which so many of us make a pilgrimage, there are whispers of great feats, epic battles, and unsung sagas. I, for one, would not exaggerate, as I am but a simple and humble Irishman. I can only say I heard first-hand how Jobjorn wreaked havoc while storming the castle, and how deadly were the throwing axes of Hori Jirou Masamura, again among the top axe throwers in the Knowne Worlde. We saw Baroness Wencenedl inducted into the Order of Thorbjorn's Hammer for her skill in archery. On the fields of battle, again and again, Ramshaven stepped forward, contributing to the glory of Ealdormere's victories in the South. We won the War Banner, a symbol of Their Majesties' faith in us, as an entire Barony. And I cannot help but relay how Our Baron Penda stepped forward, sword and shield in hand, lunging and beating down all foes before him, mightily smiting Edmund LongShanks, a veritable Giant (and so near invincible). Such a feat of valour, Their Majesties named him GiantSlayer, and rewarded him with a War Banner, wondrous to behold.

I say it so, not that tales grow in the telling, but for His Excellency's honour!



Lastly, I, Adnar Dionadair, was honoured to serve in one last round as the Commissar, handing the reins of the Commissariate to the next Commissar Ilsabeth (Amy Cooper). I was honoured and humbled to receive the last War Banner of Pennsic with the team whose primary aim is and always will be to help our armies, our friends, stay standing and hydrated.



Events Calendar

Arts and Sciences

Ramshaven Baronial A&S Class schedule for the rest of the year has been announced!

November 22nd: Introduction to Tablet Weaving – hosted by Der Welfengau

December 8th: Music – hosted by Bryniau Tywynnog

January (date TBA): Leather work – hosted by Der Welfengau (This class will require those wishing to participate to register ahead of time)

November will be the first month taught by a non-Ramshaven teacher!

January's class will be the first that will limit the size of class and thus – when the time comes (which will be announced online), people will be told that if they want to attend they will have to register ahead of time.

This is a call for teachers! I (Cesare) am always looking for more teachers, for more different classes. They can contact me through Facebook Messaging, or at my e-mail cesaresalvazzi@gmail.com

Baronial Events

December 3 – Wassail – Shakespeare and District Optimist Hall, Shakespeare ON

April 1 – Forward Into The Past – Bricker Academic Building, Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo ON

May 19-22 – Fruits Of Our Labours X – Camp Impeesa, Ayr ON

Kingdom Events of Note (next 6 months)

November 5 – Feast of the Hare – hosted by Calthrig, Ottawa ON – *NB – CBC and Rick Mercer to be present and filming!*

November 26 – Queen Prize Tourney – hosted by Petra Thule, Lindsay ON

February 4 – Tournoi du Coeur des Glaces – hosted by Bastille Du Lac, Trenton ON

February 25 – Practicum 2017 – hosted by Calthrig, Ottawa ON

March 25 – Kingdom A&S – hosted by Calthrig, North Gower ON

Officers of the Barony

Baron	Penda of Ramshaven
Baroness	Sibylla of Ramshaven
Seneschal	Lucia de Moranza
Armoured Marshall	Wulfric of the Blackwoods
Rapier Marshall	<currently vacant>
Exchequer	Christiana de Mundegumri
Chronicler	Fearghas Mackenna of Bryniau Tywynnog
Arts & Sciences Minister	Cesare Ambrigino di Salvazzi
Herald	Tristan Galbraith

Important websites

Kingdom of Ealdormere	www.ealdormere.ca
Barony of Ramshaven	www.ramshaven.ca
Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog	www.bryniau.ca
Canton of Der Welfengau	www.derwelfengau.com
Canton of Northgeatham	www.ramshaven.ca/northgeatham
Baronial Facebook group	www.facebook.com/groups/141493656082
Email list	groups.yahoo.com/group/SCA-Ramshaven