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News in the Kingdom



Coronation of Oswald II and Kaye Couer d'Ennuï - Des Moines

Congratulations to King Oswald II and Queen Kaye on their rise to the throne on September 17th, in Couer d'Ennuï.

During their final court before stepping down, Anton and Isabeau presented Heinrich with an AoA, and Wolfgang and Branwell a Torse, for their work during Lilies War. For pictures, please see page 3.

Long live the King and Queen, and long live Calontir!

Chronicler

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Raid or Trade

Raid or Trade was once again held at the site of the Des Moines Renaissance Faire, and very much like last year it was HOT!!! Thankfully the archers were in the shady area again. Baron Hugh du Puy was running the archery this year, and if you know Hugh, you know to expect the unexpected.

I cannot remember all the shoots but in one of them had camels carrying treasure and a rider. The target I shot at had a guy leading a camel. One round you were to shoot the guys because they were stealing your treasure, but you were penalized if you hit the camel. Another round you could hit the camel.

For another shoot we had to form teams of three and come up with a team name. Our team consisted of Cadlae, Marie of Cologne, and myself, and our name was the Fearless Fyrd Sisters. Hugh seemed to have difficulty saying our whole name and kept calling us Fyrd Sisters.

The last shoot Hugh had placed nine
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(Raid or Trade) wicker rings on each target. The rings were three different sizes; the smallest having the highest points. The object was to get an arrow in a ring without touching the wicker for score. You received additional points if you could get three in a row. There were two rounds and then the top four scores went into the semi-finals. It was Leif of Crescent Moon against, I believe, Cadlae, and William was shooting against me. This round the object was to be the first to get three in a row without touching the rings. I beat William and went into the finals to shoot against Leif. As a whim Hugh decided that the line should be moved back to an undetermined distance and Leif suggested we shoot at a different set of targets. Because of the distance we were allowed to hit the ring as long as it was the inner portion. Again the purpose was to be the first to get three in a row. I was the winner!

When the shooting was done, I decided to check out some of the merchants, and William sat in the shade of the shelter where court was to be held. After the event, we were invited to eat dinner with other archers at a nearby sports bar, but once we got comfortable in our air conditioned car, we decided to keep cool and head for home.

YIS

Juliana

Coronation Photos



Heinrich receiving his AoA

Branwell and Wolfgang receiving their Torses



Ages of War: Cross and Compass



Sofya

We had another great Ages of War this year. This time, my focus was on coordinating the A&S activities in addition to my usual work with site set-up and take-down as Site Boss.

My job as Site Boss has always been made much easier by the fact that the site owners are so generous about letting us come on site early so we have plenty of time to lay out the parking areas, set up caution tape, and figure out where the cleaning supplies are this year.

Guinevere's eldest son helped me quite a bit on Friday as I went around site putting up signs and fencing off the archery area.

My sister, Sheri, and her children, Madelyn and Joshua, joined us again, apparently still finding the event enjoyable enough to travel 3 hours. This is the only SCA event they ever attend, and they've been coming for five years now.

This year Sheri volunteered to help with the Youth Activities. She coordinated with Aletheia and brought a story about marshmallows and a craft project to go with it. She also decorated the feast hall with the shire

decorations (banners, table runners, table cloths) and brought real grapevines and a few other materials things to enhance the décor. This was a big help since the rest of us were so busy with other things.

Once site was set-up, I thought my focus would be on running the A&S competitions and making sure the classes went smoothly. But it turned out, my work as Site Boss wasn't done, because I kept having to scrounge more tables and display area for the Silent Auction as more and more donations appeared.

The A&S classes went well. We had Lord Thomas of Nordskog share his knowledge of astronomy and astrology in two classes, one during the day and one, of course, at night. Lady Luce Tola of Silfren Mere taught a class on silk banner painting, producing two finished banners in the process. She also taught a popular class on glass-beadmaking with the snazzy portable flame-working benches she and her friends had made up this year. I gave an impromptu class on making the woven and felted wool pouches that we used as site tokens this year, and gave another one-on-one class to Ophelia who was busy helping in the Inn during my class, and would have only been able to watch anyway, because she's allergic



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