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WHO'S WHO OF RAVEN'S COVE



LADY FREYDIS RODMARSOTTIR

FREYDIS RODMARSOTTIR IS A CHILD OF RODMAR, A VIKING. THE FIRST OF FIVE CHILDREN, SHE WAS BORN IN DUBLIN, A VIKING STRONGHOLD IN IRELAND IN 950 AD. SHE WAS RAISED TO MANAGE A LARGE HOUSEHOLD AND TAKE CARE OF THOSE UNDER HER KEEPING. BY THE TIME SHE WAS 14, MOST OTHER GIRLS HAD MARRIED AND PRAISED THE BLESSINGS OF FRIGG AND FREYA. WHILE HAPPY SERVING HER MOTHER, HER SIBLINGS AND HER PEOPLE, FREYDIS AND HER SISTER THORHILD WERE RESTLESS AND SOUGHT NOT ONLY A HOME OF THEIR OWN, BUT THE BLESSINGS OF ODIN AND THOR. WHEN DUKE RICHARD THE FIRST OF NORMANDY CALLED FOR AID, FREYDIS AND HER SISTER JOINED THE VIKING CHIEFTIEN GUNROD SOUTH TO FRANCE TO FIGHT AGAINST THE CAROLINGIAN, WHOM DUKE RICHARD FEARED WERE SET TO INVADE NORMANDY. THEY DRESSED AS MEN AND WERE REFERRED TO BY MANY NAMES, SHIELDMAIDEN BEING ONE OF THEM. THEY FOUGHT BACK THE FRANKS, THOUGH THE SHOW OF FORCE MIGHT HAVE DONE MORE THAN THEIR ARMS.

THERE WERE MANY THINGS TO LIKE ABOUT NORMANDY, BUT DUKE RICHARD GREW UNCOMFORTABLE WITH GUNROD AND HIS VIKING ARMY. HE MENTIONED A PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE, RIPE FOR THE TAKING. WITH BOW AND SWORD IN HAND, THE SISTERS SET OFF WITH THE VIKINGS ONCE AGAIN, THIS TIME TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA. THEIR STAY THERE WAS EVEN BRIEFER THAN THEIR STAY IN NORMANDY, BUT THE TAKE WAS RICH. GUNROD AND HIS MEN CONTINUED ON TO OTHER SPOTS ON THE PENINSULA, BUT FREYDIS HAD SOMETHING ELSE CATCH HER EYE. CONVINCING HER SISTER TO RETURN WITH HER TO NORMANDY, SHE ALLOWED A VIKING OF ROLLO'S MEN, THE OPPORTUNITY TO WOO HER. HE WAS MANY THINGS THAT APPEALED TO A YOUNG VIKING WOMAN, STRONG, FIERCE AND PROVEN IN BATTLE. HE WAS ALSO A LANDOWNER, OWNING A GOOD PIECE OF THE NORMANDY COASTLINE. FREYDIS MARRIED RAGNULFR, AND SET TO MANAGING THE HOUSEHOLD. SHE WAS COMPASSIONATE TO THOSE WHO WORKED FOR HER, WISE IN HER BUSINESS DEALINGS AND NONE EVER LEFT HER HEARTH HUNGRY.

FREYDIS IS THE SENESCHAL FOR RAVEN'S COVE. SHE ENJOYS HOSTING AND HELPING WITH HOSPITALITY, MOST OF ALL SHE LOVES SEEING EVERYONE HAVING FUN. SHE IS A RAPIER FIGHTER, AN ARCHER, AND ENJOYS FIGHTING MELEES MOST OF ALL.



FROM YOUR BARONAGE

DEAREST RAVENS,

OUR TIME GROWS SHORTER WITH EACH PASSING DAY SERVING AS YOUR BARON AND BARONESS. BEFORE WE KNOW IT, WE, AS A GROUP, WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT DECISION TO MAKE, ONE THAT WILL HOPEFULLY KEEP OUR GROUP MOVING FORWARD, WITHOUT PAUSE. WHAT WE NEED YOU TO DO NOW, IS MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIPS WILL NOT BE EXPIRING PRIOR TO OR DURING THE POLLING PROCESS. YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE IF YOU ARE NOT A PAYING MEMBER, SO CHECK YOUR CARDS AND IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS EXPIRING SOON, MAKE SURE YOU TAKE CARE OF IT. THOSE NOT IN THE BARONIAL ZIP CODES WILL HAVE TO ASK FOR A LETTER WHEN THE TIME COMES, SO MAKE SURE TO KEEP THAT IN MIND.

WE KNOW THAT WE ARE LIVING IN DARK TIMES. HOWEVER, THE LIGHT THAT SHINES FROM OUR RAVENS DROWNS OUT ALL THE DARKNESS. WE HAVE SO MANY THINGS THAT ARE KEEPING US AWAY FROM EACH OTHER AND ENJOYING OUR SCA. BUT, WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT MANY OF OUR ANCESTORS FACED TIMES SUCH AS THESE AND IN ALL THINGS, LIFE GOES ON AND ALL THINGS CAN HEAL. KEEP POSITIVE, KEEP IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER AND MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES, BOTH IN THE SCA AND IN THE MUNDANE WORLD. WE WILL COME TOGETHER, ONCE AGAIN, WHEN WE ARE ABLE.

IN SERVICE TO THE DREAM,

BARONESS EDAN AND BARON LOCHLAINN



FROM YOUR SENESCHAL

GOOD DAY RAVENS.

THIS MONTH HAS BEEN UNSURPRISINGLY QUIET AS EVERYONE PRACTICED SOCIAL DISTANCING. THOUGH WE MISS YOU WE ARE GLAD TO HEAR THAT EVERYONE, OTHER THAN WALL CLIMBING, IS DOING WELL. I URGE YOU, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE REACH OUT. OTHER THAN THAT, STAY TUNED TO FACEBOOK AND YOUR EMAIL AS WE WILL SEND OUT NOTICES BEFORE WE HAVE ANOTHER MEETING. EVERYONE STAY SAFE AND WELL AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO COMING BACK TOGETHER.

IN SERVICE

LADY FREYDIS RODMARSDOTTIR



FROM YOUR MINISTER OF ARTS & SCIENCES

GREETINGS RAVENS!

THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT FOR SOME OF US WHILE BEING LESS DIFFICULT FOR OTHERS. UNFORTUNATELY, VERY FEW OF US CAN SAY THAT THINGS HAVE BEEN ABOUT THE SAME. HOWEVER, FAIR LADY ATLANTIA HAS SHONE, QUICKLY MOVING MANY THINGS TO A VIRTUAL FORMAT AND ESTABLISHING THINGS SUCH AS VIRTUAL ATLANTIA (WHICH I FOR ONE HOPE WILL STAY ONCE THE CURRENT CRISIS IS OVER). MANY OF US HAVE HAD TIME TO EXPLORE NEW ARTS AND SCIENCES, OR DELVE DEEPER INTO ONE'S THAT ARE ALREADY PARTICULAR FAVORITES. THE BUSINESS OF THE ARTS IN ATLANTIA HAS NOT STOPPED, AND I'VE ENJOYED SEEING PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN POSTED. PLEASE KEEP DOING THIS!

JUNE WILL MARK THE FIRST EVER VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY OF ATLANTIA SESSION AND THE DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS JUNE 5. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF. THERE ARE SOME FABULOUS CLASSES BEING TAUGHT AND WHILE WE MISS OUT ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE NEW PEOPLE AND SOCIALIZE, YOU CAN'T BEAT THE TRAVEL TIME FOR THIS SESSION. I WOULD ENCOURAGE EVERYONE WHO IS INTERESTED (OR EVEN THINK THEY MIGHT BE INTERESTED) IN A UNIVERSITY CLASS THIS SESSION TO REGISTER. THIS FORMAT MAKES IT VERY EASY TO ATTEND JUST ONE CLASS.

YR EIDDOCH YN GYWIR,

BARONESS OLWEN



FROM YOUR KNIGHT MARSHAL

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE. SEE ALL AT THE END OF THIS.

KNIGHT MARSHAL

LORD JUAN DE ZARAGOZA

Ravens' Record

(being the minutes of the Baronial business meeting of the Barony of Raven's Cove, SCA Inc.)

Call to order

A meeting of The Barony of Raven's Cove, SCA Inc., was held via Zoom virtual meeting platform on April 11, 2020 at 2:03 p.m.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the February 2020 baronial business meeting were published for comment in the February 2020 edition of the Raven's Cry. Having received no comments or corrections, let the record reflect that the prior minutes stand as approved.

Reports

Seneschal: Report given by Felicia Padgett (Lady Freydis Rodmarsdottir). Her email has been blowing up with events being canceled. Ruby Joust and Tourney of the Sun in June have been canceled. The state of Virginia is still actively quarantining and social distancing through June. There has been no information about the upcoming Crown Tourney. She wants to make sure that we continue to reach out to the populace to see if there are any needs (physical, emotional). There is information in the Acorn about Crown Tourney, but it will be 30-60 days after the quarantine restrictions are lifted.

Exchequer: Report given by Abrahm Polaski (Hlaford Vlfbeorn Ælfweardes sunu). The balance in the account is \$6194.94. This includes the money made from Birthday, and while the Nonmember Surcharge has been paid, we still owe Freydis money for food. He also needs the event report to do the first quarter report. He and Freydis will meet up to

Chronicler: Report given by Jim Rardin (Baron Lochlainn). Hopefully in the near future we will have a legit chronicler. In the past two issues, Baron Lochlainn has started a "Who's who" of Raven's Cove series, so please send him a write up of your persona.

Minister of Arts & Sciences: Report given by Morag Polaski (Baroness Olwen de Montgomery). This is a great time to work on your A&S projects. The King has posted his ideas for what to do with this time we are quarantined and has suggested that in April we work on maintaining the tools of our crafts and working on fighting kits. In May, he has suggested that we work on getting our camping gear and field presence stuff in shape and ready to go.

Chatelaine: Report given by Josie von Krusze (Lady Alexandria). We had a couple of newcomers at Birthday and they seemed to enjoy themselves. Nothing really at this point, given the current quarantine. She is getting ready to submit the quarterly report. There are some ideas for WotW being floated around the chatelaine community. One of the ideas is a donation of an item or a few items for a feast basket for a newcomer's raffle. His

Excellency suggested as a Barony we create a complete feast basket for 2 people. This was met with approval by the populace assembled.

Herald: Report given by John Ipock (Lord Tiberius of York) (spoken in the really awesome Court Herald voice). Right now our submissions are running through the correct channels and process. We are looking really solid at the moment.

Marshals: Report given by John Romero (Lord Juan). We haven't had a practice in a while, but Lord Juan would like everybody to practice on their own and maybe post it on Facebook. Rapier rules have changed, so please look it up and become familiar with them. Combat archery has changed a little, but it doesn't really affect what we are doing. Lord Juan is now a Youth Marshal for rapier and we can now hold practice for youth rapier, with foils and epees only, not heavy rapiers. He has been working on archery targets for both target archery and combat archery.

Baronage: Report given by Jim and Heather Rardin (Baron Lochlainn and Baroness Edan). We have a new Kingdom Seneschal (Duchess Simone). This is a very good thing. She really supports us as a group. Their Excellencies are encouraging everyone to reach out to others to provide some interaction. The polling is coming down the pipe in the fall. We really need people to participate because it has happened that we were almost disbanded as a barony due to lack of participation. Just a reminder that if you don't live within the Raven's Cove ZIP codes, you have to request a polling letter from the seneschal.

Unfinished business

Baronial Birthday: Birthday went very well, and we made a little money. Freydis needs to get the paperwork to Ulf to close out the event. There was a surprising amount of people who attended (40), and a good time was had overall. There have been no issues with COVID-19 as a result of this event.

Baronial Rapier Hilt: A while ago it was voted to get a new hilt for the baronial loaner rapier. We were supposed to pick it up at WotW, but didn't, are we still going ahead with this? We can either reimburse His Excellency for it or get invoiced for it by Zen. His Excellency will purchase it and get reimbursed for it.

Demo: The Jacksonville Jamboree demo on May 2 has been canceled.

New Business

Kinston Fighting Location: Dee has a location at the local livestock arena (indoor). She will get the contact information to Freydis.

War of the Wings: This is Atlantian 40 Year. Baron Lochlainn will not be the land agent, Lady Nezkha will be doing this. There is no baronial levy, we will fight with households this year. If you do not have a household with which to fight, you are welcome to fight with Baron Lochlainn and Roanwolfe. This does not impact our camping arrangements. Their

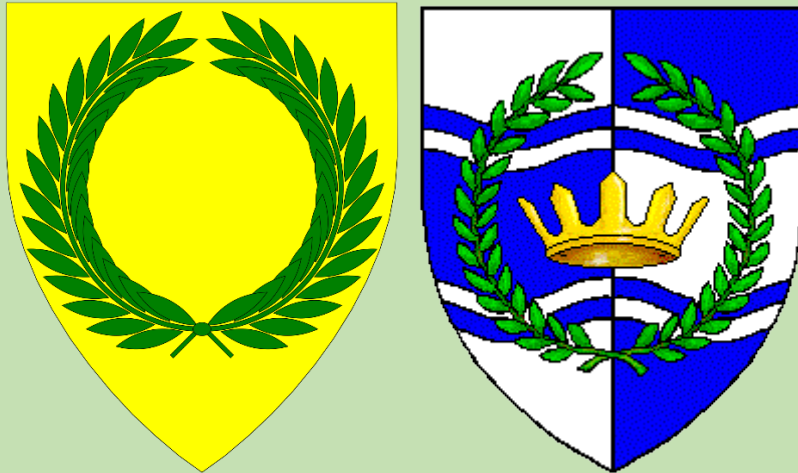
Excellencies are staying off site. Alexandria and Freydis will handle the kitchen stuff and Ulf will be the chore dragon.

Other business: Congratulations to His Excellency on being named as the Principal of the Sea Stag.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., place to be determined. Details will be announced on the Facebook page and group.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the populace, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



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