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Hartwood Council Minutes/Officer reports etc https://hartwood.tirrigh.org/library.html

Kingdom officer current listing https://antir.org/our-people/officers/

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Hartwood Council

https://hartwood.tirrigh.org/officers.html

Hartwood Defenders

https://hartwood.tirrigh.org/officers.html

Apply for an Office

Please contact the **Seneschal** for details on specific positions

Hartwood.seneschal@tirrigh.org

OPEN: Chief Scribe





One from the Vault...

(A series of recollections recounted by those in the know)

EP2 REDACTED, the legend.

Much has been said of the SCA Legends over the years, from Duke Torgul at Bitter Waters War stranded alone on his boat "swimming" on his belly across the grass to fight another boat full of knights singlehanded, or the Table Shield (made from a whole table) and "Mace of Rome" that shaped the middle years of Clinton War (now Lions War).

I wonder though if you have ever heard the Legend of the War Tartan.

I invite you now to sit back and crack one open folks, as I recount the story of a Scottish Clansman named REDACTED who once graced the fabled fields of yesteryear.

We begin with a touch of nostalgia for those carefree days of Yore, when fire bans were rare, and camping events went on for days and days. The site of this particular event is ringed with hills so you can climb up at night and look down on what is essentially a medieval town, with torchlit streets, campfires and glowing encampments. A river runs through it as well, and the people gather near the waters to talk and escape the heat of the day.

Bridges were built and there was a castle under constant construction (and reconstruction) for decades. Also present in those days were a permanent Bakehouse, a Tavern, and hot baths. Truly a haven for the Scadian minded. All of this was the backdrop for a very popular War. People would come and work the land for days leading up to the main event, the WAR!

Enter our Hero: REDACTED A huge fan of Heavy Combat and also (not so much) a morning person, REDACTED was a common sight in those days. Dressed in his clan tartan, hair down to his knees, a mighty drinker of things and maker of things and an all round great guy.

But he objected to having to fight so early in the day. So he gave thought in the days leading up to the war, as to how he might protest and bring his thoughts to others in some memorable way. And it came to him. A War Tartan. A Tartan that was so outrageous, so hideous in it's conception, that it would be an assault on the senses of his enemies (and also his allies) simply by appearing in their eyes. And so it was born. Propriety prevents a full description on these pages, lest those of faint constitution be damaged by it even through these many miles and many years, but I was there. I saw it with my own eyes, and I was forever changed.

The thing is, even with the (obvious) success of his plan, he wanted to make certain that people remembered his act of courageous defiance. He wasn't sure if the Tartan alone would make his point...

So he waded into battle that morning, sporting his assault Tartan along with a sword, a shield, and a song. That's right fellow history fans. He sang a political, edgy song that infuriated his foes and made them tremble before him. At least those who were not blind already from the aforementioned Tartanous assault. The rest of us were already queasy. The battle itself, as with most battles was more memorable for the tartan that day than for the results of the fighting, but I for one shall never forget the brave stand taken against early mornings (and eyesight) by REDACTED, a true hero of the SCA.

Recounted as recalled by H.E. Aristophanes

The Road to the Barony

The Story So Far...

You (and I!) will be glad (delighted? Over the moon?) to know that all of the relevant committees have met, dealt with the organizing issues and begun work on the "Let's Get Going" part of the job.

Regular meetings, minutes being taken, tasks designed, begun, in some cases accomplished.

It is a glorious time to be a Hartwoodian Hartwooder Hartwegian Member of Hartwood!

In all seriousness, at this point, everything is moving along pretty much as you would hope. Fundraising is taking place for the various things we need that are specific to a Barony, and rules are being looked at for compliance, and Regalia is being designed, so we have somewhere to spend the money being raised, in a way that follows all the rules. Maps are being drawn and revised, as you do.

If you have any questions about the process, or suggestions about how we do things, please feel free to ask any member of the committees, anytime. Their names were published in the Solstice AS LV (June) issue.

Also, most of the members of the Steering Committee will be at Medieval Faire, so you could maybe get some time in person if that is important to you.

...more next issue

The above are expressly the views of:



H.E. Aristophanes Emporos

Call to Action Page

What can I do to be more ... Medieval?

1. Register your Arms with the Heralds

- a. The Local Herald will help you!
- b. Research is fun!
- c. You will register your name as well...guaranteed!

2. Recommend people you know for Awards they deserve

- a. Most people don't actually have the Awards you assume that they have
- b. Even if they have it, maybe they get looked at for something else... just by being mentioned!

3. Travel to a nearby event

a. Like, the next Shire/Barony/Canton over...

4. Attend local events

a. Provide a couch for the Scadian you met at the event we just talked about one group over!

5. Help out at events

- a. Be a Water-bearer, List Keeper, Marshall, Gate person
- b. Be a voice Herald
- c. Help set up someone's tent when they arrive late.

6. Develop your Persona further

7. Take up a new and absurd hobby in the SCA

a. Make a plan, pack your car for an event, realize your car is too small, decide to get a friend with a bigger car...

Recognize and Apply the Proper Style

A Partial guide to "pointy hats etc." in Tir-Righ



Title and Style

Title

Style of Address

What to look for

Royals

King/Queen
Prince/Princess
Tanist/Ban Tanist

Your Majesty Your Highness Your Highness Gold Crown
Silver Coronet
Silver Coronet

Royal Peers

Duke/Dux
Duchess/Duchessa
Count/Earl/Jarl
Countess/Contessa/Jarl
Viscount/Viscountess

Your Grace
Your Excellency
Your Excellency
Your Excellency

Strawberry Leaves Strawberry Leaves Crenelated Circlet Crenelated Circlet Crenelated Circlet

Baron/Baroness Landed Baron/Baroness Court

Your Excellency
Your Excellency

Circlet of their Barony 6 pointed Circlet/pearls

Knight
Pelican
Laurel
Master of Arms
Order of the Mark

Sir Master/Maestra/Maestro Master/Maestra/Maestro Master/Mistress Master/Mistress White Belt/Gold chain
Pelican Badge
Laurel leaf Badge
White Baldric
Nested Scale Badge



Fun Things to do Hartwood Edition

Historic Arts in Coombs Currently in abeyance for the summer Tourney Season

Historic Arts in Campbell River

Halibe Hall

Every 2nd Friday 6pm and 9pm at 8369 N Island Hwy, Black Creek BC

Archery Come try out a new sport or hone your skills! Bend a bow, heck...Build one!

Fletch some arrows, shoot at stuff

Thrown Weapons Spears, axes, knives... what more do you want?

TUTR Learn something new (or really old) taught by people with passion and style!

Attend Council Find out where all the bodies are buried! Help out with burying new ones!

Friends don't let friends dig alone...

Watch Whales What more can I say? WHALES!

Cathedral Grove See above notes but replace whales with TREES!

Ask a Laurel a Question Don't forget to hydrate! This could take a while.

Try to help a Pelican Learn new and arcane tasks that you never knew needed to be done to

keep our society rolling!

Learn to fight heavy Hit people with sticks and other fun games!

Learn to fight rapier Poke people with sticks and look fancy doing it!

Recommend people for Awards Every citizen's most important FUN job!

Volunteer Meet fantastic people, do a fantastic job, have a fantastic time!

Travel to nearby events Even more fantastic people, and an even more fantastic time!

Try the recipes in the "I could eat" section of this newsletter Really!