

Fall Council Meeting, September 25, 2004

The meeting began at 4:20 PM.

Gina took minutes. **Calendar of Events:**

10/1 - 10/3 - Crown War, official. Paige's Farm, MD. Hosted by Kelly Coco.

Featuring castle battles and best of 9 battles for Crown.

Current Markland membership is required to fight in Crown battles and can be paid at the door.

Site fee \$5. For more information, contact Kelly Coco.

10/1 - 10/3 - Non-Markland event - Military Through the Ages, unofficial. Norfolk, VA.

Features Battle of Stanford Bridge. Recreational fighting will follow old Markland Rec rules.

For more information, contact Linda Rice through Yahoo group

10/8 - 10/10 - 11th BYOS 3 and Montgomery Township Day, unofficial. Hosted by House Von Draken.

Wildlestrae Park - Montgomeryville, PA. Featuring reenactment of Battle of Hastings.

Prize will be given for best scenario. Large public showing is expected.

For information on A&S competition, contact Achillies1552@hotmail.com. No site fee.

For more information, contact Tom Healy or Elena Holmes - Doogie4135@aol.com, bluemoon143@hotmail.com

10/16 12 PM - Feast of Lethargy, official. Hosted by Companions of the Cross.

Moose Lodge - Mt. Holly, NJ. For more information, contact Cheslov at 1metoo@comcast.net

10/22 - 10/24 - Flaming Midget War 5, official. Hosted by Galacia.

Paige's Farm, MD. Site fee \$5. For more information, contact AdmiralBass@hotmail.com

10/30 - Feast of the Traveler, official. TCNJ campus. Hosted by the Order of the Golden Lion.

Theme is Irish, and there will be a frat archery tournament and a prize for the winner.

Auction. Canned food drive - two cans is extra chance to win door prize.

Fee \$10 for people in garb, \$15 for people in mundane dress.

For more information, contact Gina Ciani at Goldlion@tcnj.edu.

1/22 - 12 PM. Winter Althyng, unofficial. Hosted by Kelly Coco. Bear Public Library in DE.

TBA - Fall War, unofficial. Paige's Farm, MD.

Featuring Warlord Tourney, and Bardic Competition. Topic for bards will be announced on

Friday for Saturday competition, with a prize for the winner. Site fee \$5.

For more information, check the Markland message boards.

TBA - Feast of Plenty, unofficial. Hosted by House Von Draken. Featuring plentiful leftovers - bring Ziplocs.

TBA - Steel Qualifiers meetings this Fall.

Officer Reports:

Bailiff: Markland members have received new membership cards. If there are any problems with the database information reported, contact Mary at Bailiff@Markland.org. Mary reminded Marklanders to make payment ONLY to her. Galatia needs 3 more paid members to stay official, and according to Galatia, "That's not too bad."

Shire Reeve: Happy with recent conduct on the frat field. Muscles is glad to see discussion with words and not weapons. He also emphasized that he's available to talk with anyone at anytime, even during an afternoon of fighting.

Aeldorman: The position of Bocman is vacant, as Kelly has regretfully resigned due to factors beyond his control. Scott from OLB has volunteered to act as Interim Bocman, and did the foot work on getting information as to Markland's non-profit status before the Council Meeting. There will be an election for Bocman at the January Althyng. The Order of LaMancha sells the right to live life according to their "code" for \$39. The NJ Medieval Festival has offered to give a discount on admission to Marklanders in return for performing for the public this October, and Marklanders widely voiced that our possible participation should warrant no entrance fee.

Joe Carpenter plans to run a LARP called Ancient Empires beginning in 2005 to raise funds for childrens' charity organizations, and would like to give 25% - 33.3% of the profit to Markland in the form of participants buying Markland membership for a discount on admission. Marklanders voiced that perhaps all the profit should go to benefit those charities, unless Markland helps in some way that would bring in even more capital. Joe will need to be present at a meeting to answer multiple questions before Markland agrees to such an affiliation.

Mary Beth announced to the Fyrd that in the future, each member of the Witan would hold a copy of the Markland Insurance Binder so that it can be obtained with greater ease. Also, a copy of the declaration will be sent or given to each official group, which is often all that a given site contact requires in terms of verification of insurance.

Cliff announced that the Plague will include official Proxy forms included in the mailings, and then he ferociously killed a belligerent wasp.

The Markland website may be going down temporarily in the near future, and the Witan will follow up on this situation with the webmaster.

Issues discussed concerning communication within Markland will be voted on at the January Althyng. The additional proposals made consisted of the possibility of switching to 2 Plagues / 10 Poxes, or 1 Plague / 11 Poxes. Cliff will look into the possibility of saving on postage concerning bulk mailings that could affect this vote.

Morgrendel rewrote the current frat fighting rules to follow "may/must" format, and distributed copies to be reviewed which would be briefly discussed and voted on at the January Althyng. He will also see to a copy being printed in the Plague, and would like to see message board discussion.

Gina offered her services in the future for ASL interpretation.

Folders of Official Event Forms, Membership Forms, Markland Basic Clothing Standards, Newbie Packets, and Proxies were made available to the Fyrd, and the Council Meeting was concluded at 6:05 PM.