

## **Fall Council – 10/25/08**

### Groups in Attendance

- Companions of the Cross
- Galatia
- Head Clan
- House Von Draken
- Longship Company
- Order of the Crimson Coast
- Pirates of the Lost Cause
- Rivenwood
- Independents

### Calendar of Events

- 10/31/08-11/2/08 **Fall War** – Official - Blackbird State Forest, Tybout Tract, site fee \$5, Warlord Tourney
- 1/24/09 **Feast of Plenty/Winter Althyng** – Official - 3rd and Walnut Street, Lansdale, Pa 19446
- 3/13/09-3/15/09 **Cold War** – Official – Blackbird State Forest, Tybout Tract, Site fee \$5, Spaghetti Feast \$4
- 3/20/09-3/22/09 **Military Through the Ages** – Unofficial
- 3/27/09-3/29/09 **Death and Taxes** – Official – Blackbird State Forest, Tybout Tract, Site fee \$5, Spear Tourney, Woad dying with Spothed
- 3/28/09 **Feast of Lethargy** – Unofficial – Date may change – Details TBA
- 4/3/09 **Clontarf** - Unofficial – TBA
- 4/4/09 **Feast of the Kings Tax** – Unofficial – Rutgers University, TBA
- 4/18/09 **Marching Through Time** – Unofficial – Marietta Mansion
- 6/5/09-6/7/09 **Summer in Sherwood** – Official – Baronage Farm
- 9/5/09-9/7/09 and 9/12/09-9/13/09 – **Polish Demo** – Unofficial - Shrine of Czestochowa, Doylestown, Pa., Contact Companions of the Cross
- 10/10/09-10/11/09 – **Hastings** – Unofficial – TBA

### Old Business

1. Discussion following concern at Summer Althyng regarding minors in Markland. Two forms were created in response to these discussions, to be voted on whether we would like to drop them, mark them as required or suggested. Two were created: one for martial participation and one for general participation in any Markland activity.

1. As parent or legal guardian, I hereby grant permission for my child to participate in official martial activities sponsored by the Markland Medieval Mercenary Militia. By affixing my signature to this form, I acknowledge that I am responsible for the conduct and sportsmanship of my child, and that Markland strongly suggests that I remain within visual distance of my child for the duration of his or her participation in this activity. I furthermore acknowledge that the

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Legal name of participating minor \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(Optional) Persona name \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal name of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
(Optional) Persona name \_\_\_\_\_  
Onsite contact phone number of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent contact phone number of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. As parent or legal guardian, I hereby grant permission for my child to participate in official non-martial activities sponsored by Markland Medieval Mercenary Militia. By affixing my signature to this form, I acknowledge that I am responsible for the conduct of my child, and that Markland strongly suggests that I remain within visual distance of my child for the duration of his or her participation in this activity. I furthermore acknowledge that Markland Medieval Mercenary Militia is not legally or financially responsible for any injuries that may occur. In the event that I am not able to remain within visual distance of my child, I assume responsibility for ensuring that an accompanying, responsible adult who knows my child remains within visual distance.

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These proposals were motioned to be dropped and seconded. The vote was a clear majority to drop this proposal.

- 2. There was a proposal to remove from the bottom of the membership form:  
Please note: Fighters aged 16 & 17 in all fighting disciplines must have notarized waiver on file signed by parent of legal guardian. Please contact Bailiff for more information.

This proposal was passed by a clear majority.

- 3. Bumper Stickers – Several small proposals were brought up in regards to the bumper sticker ideas voted upon at Summer Althyng.  
1. One was that there be a small committee formed to sell bumper stickers and that part of the proceeds from the sale of the bumper stickers is awarded to a paid student member to help aid in their historical re-enactment.

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2. One proposal was that we create 100 of each bumper sticker and pay for them out of the educational fund. We would then sell these for a small profit. Ex. \$2-5.00.

Per the vote of the majority it has been decided that we will have 50 of each of the winners from Summer Althyng (MMMM.... The name says it all –and- Death from behind, written to be viewed through a mirror). We are still in need of layouts for these bumper stickers and are noting a deadline of 11/25/08. Any layout ideas should be submitted to either Mary Beth or Roger.

### New Business

1. Martial Rule Change Suggestions – all proposals will be listed as they are currently and then the proposal will be listed below.

**Section 1 Rule 3** – These frat rules will be published on an Annual basis (no later than one month after winter Althyng) and sent to every paid Markland member.

**Section 1 Rule 3 proposal** – These frat rules will be updated and kept online.

Preliminary vote – approved

**Section 7 Rule 7B4** – Helmet bar-grills count for nothing, as they did not exist and exist now for the safety of the fighter.

**Section 7 Rule 7B4 proposal** – helmet bar grills count for nothing.

Preliminary vote – approved

**Section 10 Rule 2F** – Crotch cup for men. (Rigid breast protection strongly recommended for women.)

**Section 10 Rule 2F proposal 1** – Crotch cup for men.

Preliminary vote – approved

**Section 10 Rule 2F proposal 2** – A cup or rigid crotch protection.

Preliminary vote – approved

**Section 11 Rule addition proposal** – Body armor is the equivalent of a sturdy tunic covering the torso from shoulder to crotch.

Preliminary vote – approved

**Section 11 Rule 3D** – Crotch cup for men.

**Section 11 Rule 3D proposal** - A cup or rigid crotch protection.

Preliminary vote – approved

**Section 11 Rule 3F** – It is strongly recommended that light infantry wear knee and elbow protection.

**Section 11 Rule 3F proposal 1** – It is required that light infantry wear knee and elbow protection.

Preliminary vote - not approved

**Section 11 Rule 3F proposal 2** – Strike rule.

Preliminary vote – approved

**Section 11 Rule 5B** – Light infantry with full head protection may use any weapon shorter than 24” total length.

**Section 11 Rule 5B proposal** – Light infantry with full head protection and hand protection equivalent to heavy infantry may use any weapon shorter than 24” total length.

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Preliminary vote – approved

**Section 12 Rule 2C** – It is strongly recommended that light archers wear elbow and knee protection.

**Section 12 Rule 2C proposal** – Strike rule.

Preliminary vote - approved

**Section 12 Rule 5 (addition)** – Archers must physically inspect gleaned arrows prior to firing.

Preliminary vote – approved

**Section 14 Rule 7A** – Butt spikes must be constructed the same as a spear thrusting tip.

**Section 14 Rule 7A proposal** – Butt spikes must be constructed in the same manner as spear thrusting tips.

Preliminary vote - approved

**Section 14 Rule 7B** – Butt spikes will not be applied to any weapon over 72” long.

**Section 14 Rule 7B proposal** – Butt spikes will not be applied to any weapon over 78” long.

Preliminary vote - approved

**General rule alterations** –

1. Light infantry reads as heavy fighter for minimum required bodily protection. Not requiring elbow and knee pads, requiring torso to be at least 3 sweatshirts thick.

Preliminary vote – not approved

2. Heavy required torso armor to be semi rigid breast plate, i.e. leather.

Preliminary vote – not approved

Quote requested to be published – “We are arguing about wearing a t-shirt but not worried about our genitalia hanging out.” Shire Reeve

### Media contacts and Officer reports

Webmaster – Submit! Will not sensor anyone for no reason or personal reasons.

Plague Editor – N/A. Submit!

Bocman – We have insurance, most events are official. Continue to submit event forms.

Bailiff – Membership is down. 6 groups are currently on the threatened list. Would like to begin a membership drive, please submit any ideas to Roger.

Shire Reeve – Not too many event issues. Please remember – this organization is for fun, sometimes people get hurt but we cannot adjust the rules for every situation, if there is an issue it should be brought to the attention of the head reeve calmly, and in private. When it is not fun people leave.

Aeldorman – Has been quiet in terms of lawsuits. Maybe there should be more Viking football in the organization to settle disputes. Business is necessary and there have been a lower number of complaints. Helps that the complaints are done in private, thanks those for showing up at Fall council and keeping the arguing to Markland private events.

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### FTGOTC –

Kelly is looking for a calligrapher to put names into the Warlord Tome. Laura Krutul has spoken to help. Anyone available to do this please contact Kelly Coco.

Suggestion to enter into the bylaws regarding hosting no consecutive weekend full weekend events. This is not referring to feasts or meetings, as this has reduced attendance in the past.

Groups should talk to their members regarding attendance.

Please announce events as early as possible as this will increase attendance.

Please make sure camp is properly cleaned up after every event. It is not the event organizer's job to clean up after you, only to check for something that may have been missed. There have been complaints about this.

Request to purge or update steel qualifier list as well as complete a qualified reeve listing.