

Minutes for Fall Council Meeting
November 6, 2005
Paige's Farm, MD

Minutes were recorded and assembled by Mary Beth.
The Council Meeting began at 12:05 PM, with official quorum.

Calendar of Events:

2005:

November 12 – Feast of the Travellor, Hosted by The Order of the Golden Lion. Official Pending. Located at the College of New Jersey in Ewing, NJ. Fighting starts at 12 noon, feast starts at 5:00. Cost is \$10 without pot luck dish, \$3 with. There will also be a bardic competition, 50/50, and an auction.

November 19 – Mardi Gras Parade, Hosted by House Von Draken. Official Pending. Located in Landsdale, PA. Parade starts at approximately 1:00, and lasts for about one mile. Dress in your best garb. Rec fighting is welcome. Jo-Mar's is local to parade route. Directions are posted on Markland's discussion boards.

December 10 – Scottish Festival, Hosted by Circle. Official Pending. Located at the Grounds for Sculpture in NJ. Admission is \$4. There will be a catered feast for approximately \$8. Period pavilions are welcome. Additional information and directions are posted on Markland's discussion boards.

2006:

January 13-15 – Biannual Garb-Making Weekend, Hosted by Rivenwood. Official Pending. Located at 925 Ellison Avenue / Point Pleasant, NJ. All are welcome to teach or simply bring their own garb to work on. Please bring extra sewing supplies that you may have (sewing machines, scissors, tape measures, hand sewing needles, etc.). Those planning to work on garb should bring fabric and matching thread (or money). We will be leaving for Jo-Mar's from Point Pleasant on Friday, January 13th, at 5:30 PM. We will be working on garb all day on Saturday, and Sunday until 9 PM. Crash space is available; RSVP early for beds and couches. If you plan to spend the night, bring a blanket, pillow, and towel (though we have extras of all of these). Eric (Sir Otto) will cook pancakes Saturday morning, and spaghetti Saturday evening. Please RSVP to Mary Beth by Saturday, January 7th at Aeldorman@Markland.org, or (732) 892-5664.

January, TBA – Feast of Plenty and Winter Althyng, Hosted by House Von Draken. Official Pending. Located at fire hall in Tylers, PA. There will be entertainment and a collegium featuring period topics.

February 4 – The Feast of the Goddess of Whoop-Ass, Hosted by Wilhelm Greycloake. Official. Located at the Herald Harbor Community Center in Crownsville, MD. Site

opens at 9:00 AM for an entire day of medieval fun and frolic. Workshops in medieval arts and sciences will begin at 9:00 and continue until 3:00. A feast will begin around 4:00, featuring irreverent contests, such as: Best Medieval Dance to Modern Music, a Whacky-Tacky Garb Contest (i.e. period costume, non-period fabric), Bardic Competition, and other contests as suggested by you. Ticket Prices before December 31st: adults - \$10, children (12-18) - \$5, children under 12 – Free. On January 1, 2006: adult price goes up to \$15. For additional information, contact William Marlow: 377 Lake Road / Crownsville, MD 21032. (410) 923-3433. Greycloake@juno.com.

Directions are as follows: From North (DE, PA, NJ):

Take 95 or other route South into Maryland. When 895 splits off from 95, follow 895 through tunnel. Take exit for 3/97 going south to Annapolis. Follow 3/97 south until you come to exit for Route 178 (Veterans Hwy) to Crownsville. Take RIGHT onto exit for Route 178. At second light, turn LEFT onto Herald Harbor Rd and continue to bottom of hill. (***)Take LEFT to continue on Herald Harbor Rd. At the top of the hill, you will pass a Mini-Mart. The Community Center is the white building on LEFT after the Mini-Mart. Parking will be available at the center and at the Fire Station across the street.

From South (MD, VA):

Take your best route (1) 50 EAST to RIGHT on Route 450. Follow signs to Route 178. Follow Route 178 past the Mall and approx. 5 miles to RIGHT on Herald Harbor Rd. Follow directions from (***) above. (2) 301 NORTH to RIGHT on 450 EAST to LEFT on Route 178. Follow Route 178 past the Mall and approx. 5 miles to RIGHT on Herald Harbor Rd. Follow directions from (***) above.

From East (Eastern Shore):

Follow 50 West to Right on route 450. Follow signs to Route 178 past the Mall. Go approx. 5 miles to RIGHT on Herald Harbor Rd. Follow directions from (***) above.

From West (Columbia, WV):

Follow best route to 32 East towards Annapolis. 32 will merge into Route 178 and 97 South. Stay on Route 178. Turn LEFT onto Herald Harbor Rd. and continue to bottom of hill. Follow directions from (***) above.

March 17-19 – Work Party, Hosted by Kelly Coco. Located at Paige’s Farm, MD. We will be laying new gravel, and painting the castle. Site accommodations will be provided by Kelly Coco, free of charge.

March 25-27 – Death & Taxes, Hosted by Kelly Coco. Official Pending. Located at Blackbird State Forest, DE. Site fee is \$5.

April 7-9 – Marching Through Time (MTT). Located at Marietta Mansion, MD. Period encampments span from ancient Rome to Desert Storm. Site is extremely wet. There will be no site fee, feast Saturday night is \$5. Firewood is available on site. Sand must be used for fire pits, also available on site.

Old Business:

Markland's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws – Have been updated by the Witan according to votes that have taken place over the past 12 years. Mary Beth reminded those in attendance that the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws (especially now that they have been updated) are in full effect, and all members of Markland should be familiar with them (no entrance fee for Markland corporate events, etc.) The following proposals were made and passed, to be subsequently voted on at the Winter Althyng (requiring a 2/3 majority to pass):

Articles of Incorporation: no proposals for revision.

By-Laws:

1. Addition to Article IX, as follows: “Amendments to the By-Laws, proposed by a member of the Fyrd, shall become effective after an initial majority approval by voting members on the Council, a subsequent publication of the amendment(s) in the Plague, and a second approval by the Fyrd at an Althyng passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Folk.”
2. Addition to Article X, as follows: “Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, proposed by a member of the Fyrd, shall become effective after an initial majority approval by voting members on the Council, a subsequent publication of the amendment(s) in the Plague, and a second approval by the Fyrd at an Althyng passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Folk.”
3. Amendments to Article XIV (*italics designate changes*): “The fees for membership shall be determined by the will of the Folk or Council. *In addition to single, student, and joint memberships*, a Lifetime Senior membership of fifty (50) times the cost of the annual *single* membership is established. Special memberships or fees may be established to cover insurance costs, special mail handling costs, purchase of titles, contributions or other costs as may arise.”
 - Single membership - \$25.00
 - *Student membership - \$15.00 (with photocopy of current college ID)*
 - Joint membership - \$33.00
4. Deletion of the following from Article XIV: “A \$2 surcharge shall be charged to all non-Markland members attending any event requiring a ticket or entrance fee.”
5. Amendments to Article XVII: “Resident agents are identified as follows: Delaware – Kelly Coco, Maryland – Charles Cockrell, New Jersey – Eric Shirk, Pennsylvania – Ken Ruh”
6. Proposal for new Article XXI: “The Reeve’s Guild shall be the body of officials responsible for safety on the frat field. The Reeve’s guild shall consist of any and all

interested Reeves, as well as persons interested in Reeving. A Head of the Reeve's Guild shall be appointed by the Shire Reeve as needed. This appointment should be made as quickly as possible following a vacancy. The Reeve's Guild shall meet, however briefly, following every day of fighting at an official event to discuss the day's activities, potential rules changes, and new rules creation. The meeting shall be called by the Head of the Reeve's Guild, or his/her designated representative, or by the Shire Reeve, or by the Head Reeve or his/her designated representative, or by any qualified Reeve if the above are not available.

7. A proposition was also made to allow prospective members of Markland free admission to their first official event. A straw vote revealed that the majority of those in attendance were in favor of further consideration of such a policy. Its feasibility will be discussed further at Winter Althyng, before a specific proposal is made.

New Business:

It was reiterated that Markland is required, according to Maryland corporate law, to publish its Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and all rules annually. The possibility was raised that electronic publication may fulfill this requirement, and no one in attendance was able to verify this. The Witan will inquire further, and report on this at the Winter Althyng.

Kelly informed the Fyrd that, due to damage caused to the site by cars as a result of excessive rain, groups holding Markland events at Paige's Farm must plan for rain dates. Possible complications concerning this new procedure would include the reservation of port-o-john's, last minute communication with the Fyrd, and what constitutes "rain."

Kelly also informed the Fyrd that road signs are now illegal in Delaware on any government property (including all highways and roads). Groups and individuals holding events in Delaware should be aware of this, and refrain from posting Markland signs of any kind.

Wilhelm suggested Markland enhance its relationships with other recreational organizations, possibly by formally inviting them to any of ours, attending theirs as a collective, or jointly-hosting events. Consider specific proposals to make at future Markland corporate meetings.

Officer Reports:

Bailiff – 20 new current members joined Markland this weekend. All expired members should update ASAP! Also, all groups should send the Bailiff a list of demos they have participated in at any time this year, so that the information can be compiled and used to further Markland's networking capacities. Also, please supply the Bailiff with e-mail addresses of individual members, if they are available. They will help facilitate prompt communication with the Fyrd in the future.

Aeldorman – It has come to the Aeldorman’s attention that the vote on the newly revised Frat Rules made by the Folk at the Winter Althyng, held on February 12, 2005, was taken under widespread false understanding, and with the result of much confusion. For these reasons, all changes inherent in the Frat Rules, as of this Council Meeting, are declared null and void by this Witan, with the exception of the wording of the “must/shall/will” format that has been clearly discussed by the Fyrd. The Plague will therefore publish the original Frat Rules, with the addition of only the “must/shall/will” wording, to be subject to specific proposal at this upcoming Winter Althyng, and subsequent to final voting at the Spring Council Meeting. All proposals, including those previously voted on in error, will be eligible for discussion and voting by the Fyrd. The Witan would like to believe these changes were initiated with honest intentions, and will look into the matter further.

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.