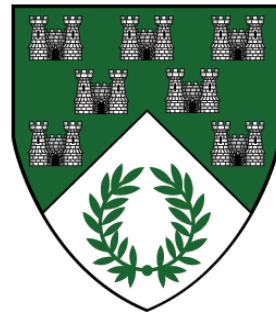


THE VIEW FROM THE TOWER

JULY 2009

CHRONICLER: KATHRYN VON TRIER



ACTIVITIES

The Barony of Carraig Ban is alive and well. Members have been attending many events as well as our 35 year event in June. Many awards were given at the Rose Tourney by our King EikBrandr and our Queen Runa to our Barony members.

A big HOOBAH to all who helped out with the many responsibilities that comes with running an event. It could not be done with out a loyal and hardworking group.

We received a Baronial gift from the Barony of Castel Rouge of aprons for our cooks, a basket from the Barony of Shattered Crystal, and an IOU scroll from the Shire of Foxvale.

Our entertainment at feast was enjoyable, the surprise at feast for Baron Faustino, the song from Master Aleksander Vasilyevich Lev and our own Baron Aleid Van Groningen, and from our outgoing Bard of the Keep Lady Gwendolyn Merch Llewelyn. Baron Aleid Van Groningen won the title of Bard of the Keep until the next competition.

We had 10 merchants, 118 people attend, 26 tents of overnight campers, and 53 guests at feast.

KINGDOM AWARDS

Lady Amalie Fischer - Award of Arms

Lady Muti - Award of Arms

Lord Uspaig MacLockhart- Award of Arms

Lord Wilhelm von Ostfriesland - Award of Arms

Lady Faolan Beag - Award of the Purple Fret (She also received her long awaited AOA scroll from 1996)

Lord Paul the Boteman - Award of the Purple Fret

BARONIAL AWARDS

Baroness Winefred Yseult, Baron Rory O'Tomriar, Baron Aleid Van Groningen, and Lady Epona Brodin received the first ever baronial "Award of the Keep" for service to the barony.

A NOTE FROM THE BARON

Greetings All,

It is hard to believe that it has been 6 months already since we were invested. There were many goals I had set for myself and the Barony, and many of them have been accomplished if only partially.



The first goal was to renew our treaty with the Baronies Illiton and Shattered Crystal. The treaty was signed at Rites of Spring, although some of us signed more quickly than others.



A major goal was to resolve the membership issue on our eastern border. While this was resolved by the Barony loosing land, I believe in doing so we have made a long lasting friendship with Foxvale and with the Barony of Ayreton. We have also gained new land to our south and southwest at the same time.



One goal I have been working on from day one is to do a co-event with Ayreton. I hope we can accomplish this sometime in the fall of 2010, but as of now it is a work in progress. I do think as the oldest Barony in the Midlands, it is our duty to help the youngest (Ayreton) in what ever way we can. They are, after all, our neighbors.



One more goal was to take further advantage of the media to spread word of the SCA to the mundane world. Our 35 year event coverage was just the beginning, and I hope to bring in new members through the use of the media when or where ever we can.



And lastly, is our creation of the Baronial Award of the Keep. This award is based on the Kingdom Award of the Purple Fret given for service rendered. While we have little control of how and when Kingdom awards are handed out, this we can give at anytime.

Our outlook for the future: I think our future looks very bright. The NIU group is a blessing and continues to grow. We are creating a canton in our northeast, and maybe someday one in our southwest. Also there maybe more land to be gained in the west. Dixon? I look forward to our first installment of our Barony's history from Baroness Winifred. I also will continue to work on a co-event with Ayreton. One thing that I want to see get done is a revisement of the Baronial Bylaws, or if none exists, the creation of such. Even though we have hit a few bumps along the way, I see the Barony only going in one direction and that is up. I invite all to come, enjoy, and help make this happen.

Yours in Service,

Faustino de Baeza, Baron Carraig Ban

NEW OFFICERS

Chronicler: Lady Kathryn von Trier (Lova Sutton)

MOAS: Lady Amalie Fischer (Alicia Groen)

Web Minister: Lord Wilhelm von Ostfriesland (Bill Groen)

Seved Ribbing (Eric Nooden)

MEETINGS & FIGHTER PRACTICES

As listed on our web site www.carraigban.org