

# the Compass Rose

Newsletter of the shire of Kings Crossing

December 2010

## Upcoming events

December 18

Ballachlagan 12<sup>th</sup> night

## 2011

January 8

Kingdom 12<sup>th</sup> night

January 15

BMDL 12<sup>th</sup> night

Winter Revel-midrealm

January 22

St Swithin's Bog 12<sup>th</sup> night

January 29

Steltonwald 12<sup>th</sup> night

February 5

Winter Gathering

February 19

Masque of Courtly Love-midrealm

February 26

Bear's event

College of Three Ravens

Eastwatch dessert & games revel-midrealm

March 5

N. Oaken academy of defense-midrealm

Complete details are in the Kingdom web pages

## Smile! You're a Model!

As of January 1, 2011, all pictures used in SCA publications must have model releases on file for all identifiable gentles appearing in them. Likewise, intellectual property (stories, articles, etc.).

For example, if a picture of the shire birthday party has 3 gentles in it who can be recognized by their faces, all 3 must have releases on file. If Sienn and Nandi do but Herkimer does not or refuses to give his permission, the picture may not appear in this newsletter, the Aestel or any SCA publication

Heraldry, etc. does not count towards identifiability. If Sven is there in all his heraldic glory but you can't see his face, no model release is required from him because you, technically, can't identify him.

When you file a release, you can specify if, how and when pictures of you may be published. You can limit it to a one-time use in the Aestel, for example, yet prohibit it from appearing in the local newsletter.

There are legal reasons the Society is requiring releases now and they have been heavily discussed on several email lists in the Kingdom. Suffice to say, it is now the policy.

Go to the Aethelmearc Chronicler's link on the Kingdom webpage to find the new releases required for intellectual property as well as model releases. Ask your Chronicler if you have any questions.

Smile! You medieval model, you!

Pictures in all future issues of *the Compass Rose* will only be published after all appropriate releases are on file.

**The next Kings Crossing shire meeting will be held  
at the usual site on**

**Sunday, January 9, 2011**

**at 6 PM**

**THERE WILL BE A VOTE ON REVISED  
BYLAWS**

A host who did not provide his guests with a means to wash their hands at table risked giving serious insult. In an age of few eating utensils, the hands were the primary instruments to get food into the mouth. "Fingerbowls", as we call them, went around at meals, often filled with strange and even dangerous ingredients, all in the name of hygiene



## Meeting notes of December 2, 2010

### Officer's Reports

#### Arts & Sciences

Master Creador Twynedragon advised that his final report was sent in and Kingdom informed that the shire would be installing a new A&S officer in the near future.

(Vulcansmede)'s report was received. No report received from Ballachlagan.

#### Chatelaine

Report was sent in on time. A new member, Gabriel, was present at the meeting. Rachel may be around after the holidays.

#### Chronicler

Model releases are now required to publish pictures.

Expenses such as ink, paper, postage and envelopes will be submitted for reimbursement in the future.

#### Chirurgion

Still "to be"

#### Exchequer

Some donations have been received.

Expenses for the birthday party have been paid; as has been the rent.

The Steltonwald Seneschal has been contacted regarding the funds owed to the shire for doing brunch at last War Practice.

A deputy exchequer is still much needed.

#### Marshal

Heavy practices will become weekly. There will be practice 12/12. 12/19 will be discussed at the 12/12 practice. There will be no practice 12/26 or 1/2/11.

There has been much discussion lately of concussions on the marshals list and elsewhere. There will be an article about them appearing in the *Aestel*. All are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the symptoms, treatment and prevention of concussions.

The fencing schedule for practices at Cal U has been posted on the Kingsblades email list.

Faelan is continuing his preparation to become an archery marshal.

#### Webminister

The website is constantly being updated.

Who is/will be the (Vulcansmede) webminister is currently unknown.

There are now two links to the newsletter.

#### Seneschal

Shire is doing well although more funds are needed.

Bylaws have been discussed online.

Event season is dying down. There are several 12<sup>th</sup> nights in January. Check your gear and garb.



## Meeting notes, continued

### Business

The question arose as to whether we want to do an event. Master Creador advised no one has put in a bid for the next Academy in Region Two. The preference is to have it stay in rotation. Kings Crossing is in Region Two and eligible to bid on the event, normally held in May/June.

Model releases were handed out and two completed releases returned to the Chronicler for forwarding to the Kingdom Chronicler.

### Bylaws

Revisions to the bylaws were discussed. Members present expressed thoughts and opinions on possible changes and their effects. This was in addition to the online discussion of recent weeks on the shire email list. Some of the topics considered were:

Who is a member of the shire?

Should the exchequer position for the College be incorporated into the shire exchequer?

Can/should members vote by proxy or in absentia?

How will subgroups (College, sponsored groups, etc.) be responsible and relate to the shire?

Some revisions to be included in the new bylaws are:

Members are zip code residents plus those who have followed the Kingdom procedure of subjugation to become shire members. (signed letters from Seneschals of home zip code group and Kings Crossing plus signed letter to KC requesting membership)

Each subgroup of Kings Crossing will operate independently under their own bylaws, except for reporting and other obligations defined by Corpora/Kingdom/Kings Crossing bylaws.

All Kings Crossing votes will be by members present at the meeting.

The Exchequer duties for the College will reside with the Kings Crossing exchequer.

Length of term and continuance of position will be revised.

Sven will post a proposed revision of the bylaws on the Kings Crossing list. Members should review it and come to the January 9, 2011 shire meeting prepared to vote on the new bylaws.

*Officers of the Shire of Kings Crossing*

*Seneschal...Sven Tyrvisson mka James Boyd*  
*Herald...Willahalm Barenjager*  
*Knight Marshal...Sven Tyrvisson mka James Boyd*  
*Minister of Arts & Sciences...currently Vacant*  
*Chronicler...sionn, the lost mka John Kyle*  
*Exchequer...Lady Anling*  
*Chatelaine...Lady Nandi of Kings Crossing*  
*Webminister...Yamamoto no Satataro Hikaru mka McPherson*  
*Pennsic Land Agent...Lady Marian O'Neill*

**Kings Crossing holds its monthly meetings at the Scenery Hill Community Center @ Hilltop School St, Scenery Hill, PA at 6 pm the first Sunday of the month.**

**Heavy weapons practices are on alternate Sundays beginning 4 pm at the Community Center.**

**College of (Vulcansmede) heavy weapons practices are held on Mondays beginning at 7 pm at Cal U**

**Fencing practices are held at California University (Cal U) beginning 7 pm each Thursday.**

**Arts & Sciences meetings will be announced in the near future.**

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