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Seneschal

Greetings all - Not much to report this month. My personal life is so busy now during softball season. Hope everyone is doing well.... keep up those memberships and I will see ya soon.

HE Meghann

Hospitaler

Activities

Date 05/19/2008

Name of Activity- Populace meeting

Number of group members attended- 4

Number of inquiries regarding activity

None

Newcomers/Inquiries- There were no new comers or inquiries this month

Lord Alexander of Tir Medoin

Knight Marshal

Number of practices: 0

Fighter Practice Details:

Date- n/a

Authorized Fighters- n/a

of Unauthorized Fighters- n/a

No injury occurred this month. Additional

Notes: n/a

Jeff Cargill

Chronicler

Greetings All!

With the help of Lord Connor, The Silver Thistle is now online! All newsletters from 2008 are posted, and I'll announce monthly one Tir Medoin's list when the current one is placed online. Physical copies will still be available at Populace or if requested. Keep in mind, physical addresses for the officers WILL NOT be on the online versions, so drop an email to the officers or look at the Black Star if you need to call someone or send them mail.

Starting with this issue, I'm going to be placing heraldic articles by .Coblaith Mhuimhneach into the newsletter. I hope everyone enjoys the articles. Have a great month!

Mungentuya

*Her Æpelstan cyning,
beorna beahgifa,
Eadmund æpeling,
geslogon æt sæcce
ymbe Brunanburh.
heowan heapolinde
afaran Eadweardes,
from cneomægum,
wiþ lapra gehwæne
hord 7 hamas.*

*eorla dryhten,
7 his broþor eac,
ealdorlangne tir
sweorda ecgum
Bordweal clufan,
hamora lafan,
swa him geæpele wæs
þæt hi æt campe oft
land ealgodon,*

In this year king Athelstan, lord of warriors,
Ring-giver of men, with his brother prince Edmund,
Won undying glory with the edges of swords,
In warfare around Brunanburh.
With their hammered blades, the sons of Edward
Clove the shield-wall and hacked the linden bucklers,
As was instinctive in them, from their ancestry,
To defend their land, their treasures and their homes,
In frequent battle against each enemy.

The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, annal for 937.

What is a “Major Change”, and Why Would I Accept One?

Coblaith Mhuimhneach
Orbis Herald

You’ve spent weeks researching the perfect S.C.A. name, finding just the right sound, just the right spelling, just the right feeling--a name to which you’ll be proud to answer for the next several decades. You sit down to fill out the name submission form, and before you even get to the part where you summarize all your carefully-collected evidence, they’re asking you whether you’ll permit the Ansteorran College of Heralds or the Society College of Arms to change your name! Why would you even consider doing that? There are two reasons.

First, unless you’ve done a very thorough and convincing job of proving that every element of the name you’re submitting was used in period as you’re planning to use it, that the elements are plausible together, and that you’ve put them together as they would’ve been put together in period, it’s very possible that checking the “I will not accept changes” boxes on your submission form will get your name returned for reasons that seem trivial to you. For instance, Laurel recently ruled that the family name O’Morain can’t be registered because it combines an Anglicized Gaelic particle with a Gaelic personal name. The entirely Gaelic Ó Morain , on the other hand, is just fine. If you check the “I will not accept minor changes. . .” box, you’re

saying that you would rather have your name returned than have it changed by that much. Similarly, Laurel ruled that the improperly-constructed byname van der Utrecht is unacceptable, while the grammatically-correct van Utrecht can be used. If you check the “I will not accept major changes. . .” box, you’re saying that you would rather have your name returned than have a change like that made.

Second, submitted names are reviewed by heralds all over the world. Some of them are very, very knowledgeable about names and naming practices. If you permit them to change your name to make it more authentic, you will end up with the most realistic medieval or Renaissance name possible rather than a name that might just “squeak by” on a literal interpretation of the Rules for Submission. Even if you’re not too worried about that now, you might later become more interested in your persona period and decide you want a name that truly fits it. If you’ve registered something inaccurate, the only way to get one will be to go through the whole submissions process again.

Whatever your reasons for permitting changes, you needn’t be concerned that gratuitous or excessive ones will be made. The registering bodies want you to be happy with your name. If they alter it, it will be because it needs to be altered in order to comply with the Rules for Submission or (if you’ve asked them to make it so) to become authentic, and they’ll make the smallest alterations they can that will achieve that goal.

Unofficial Kingdom Calendar

June 27-29 Ansteorran Heraldic and Scribal Symposium - Westgate (Houston, TX)

July 4-6 (Friday, 4th of July)

July 11-13 Coronation - Stargate (Houston, TX)

July 18-20 Queen's Champion - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)

July 21- Tir Medoin Populace Meeting 7 p.m.