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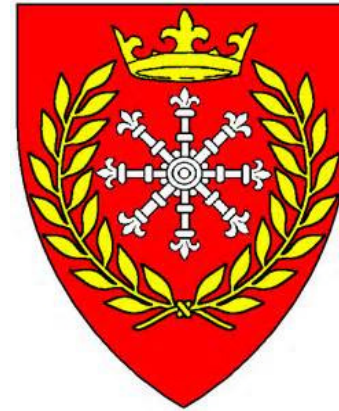


Shire of Sunderoak

Royalty of Aethelmearc

His Majesty Timothy of Arindale and Her Majesty Gabrielle van Nijenrode

•<http://www.aethelmearc.org/royalty/AE35/index.php>



Their Royal Highnesses

Prince Tinal And Princess Etain ingen Dalaig

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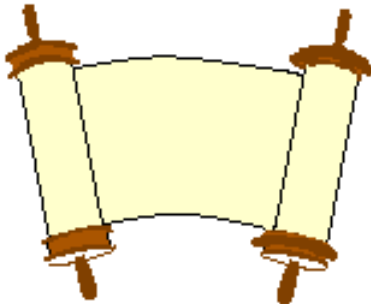
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Next Meeting: Tuesday
Sept. 22, 2015 , 7:00pm at Butler Memorial
Park. Butler, PA 16001
(Weather depending)

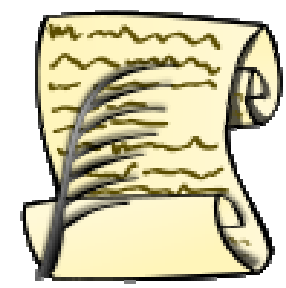
- Greetings SVNDEROAK!!!

- Fall is approaching, which means we shift to our indoor site for meetings, the Butler Public Library. September will be held at Butler Memorial Park, where our October meeting is held will be weather dependent. Starting November will be at the Library, downstairs meeting room at 7 pm. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** Do you have a project idea for the shire or Kingdom, have ideas for a demo or want financial support for a group or project? (Shhhh don't tell Raven, but we have \$\$ and we are willing to spend it) For example we are currently pricing loaner fencing equipment and clothes, in the past we have donated money to the Butler Library their meeting rooms are free. bring your ideas to the meeting!
- Several years ago we held a demo for the English department at Slippery Rock University, we have been invited back again this year. The demo will be sometime in October, please watch the website, yahoo group or Facebook pages for details. We will also be participating in Butler's Spirit of Christmas Parade this year, come to the meetings to learn more and discuss ideas! Special thanks to Mollie for having the idea and bringing it to fruition!
- Finally, there are many offices that are up for election in October or that are currently vacant. If you are interested in any of the following positions please contact myself or the officer in the position. Seneschal, Chatelaine, A&S, Knight Marshal, Exchequer, Webminister, Chronicler and Herald. Letters of intent can be emailed to me at katla@zoominternet.net or delivered in person.



Best,

Katla



Greetings unto the Populace of SunderOak,

It is with some trepidation that I write this missive for it is a small peek into the mind that drives this body around. Please forgive any inconsistencies as these are colored though my perception.

The Great Pennsic War

Two weeks of work, parties, organized violence and disorganized shopping. This year, as in years past I was unable to attend for the full two weeks. Landgrab/set-up weekend was followed by three days of mundane work. After which I was finally able to go to site and stay!



Land Grab and Set Up are probably my favorite times as I/we get to watch what is basically a medieval town get set up. There is an amazing amount of work done by those folks who are there for set up. The camaraderie and willingness to help total strangers is very refreshing after spending the last 50 weeks in the “mundane” world. It invigorates my belief in the basic ‘goodness’ of others, the lack of selfish action or inaction is a wonder to behold. The camps grow, gates and walls are put up, sumps dug, kitchens, dining areas, showers, the list of amenities is long and different for each camp. But all are there to help, and this is what I believe drives our collective dream forward. The first three to four days are always spent in what seems a chaotic orgy of work where no one is sure what needs to happen next. Yet this wonderful city rises from the grass and is occupied for two weeks before disappearing into the mists of memory.

And then, as if by some miracle, set up is complete. The camps are set, ready, waiting, waiting for those who have yet to arrive. Waiting to welcome them in, welcome them ‘home’. Their space is allotted, their arrival impatiently awaited. For it is only with the coming of all with whom we camp do we really feel complete. It is with glad cries of ‘hello!’, ‘welcome home!’, ‘how was your drive?’ that we greet each of our campmates as they arrive. It always seems as if no time has passed at all. The joy we feel is shared collectively by all, this is what drives us to return. Migrating to our summer grounds, not unlike the monarch butterflies of the great geese, most of us travel great distances to visit with our friends, family, and those with whom we have not yet met. It is here I will leave you kind traveler, with thoughts of joy and wonder foremost in our thoughts.

I remain,
Sir Vladimir Mechnik



Greetings SunderOak,

For the first 2 weeks of August, many of us were at Pennsic. August 17th we met and shared hand outs from the classes we attended. August 24 Raven taught us to make pendants she learned in a Largess class at Pennsic. August 31, 2015 Fenna will teach tanning of rabbit hides.

September 7th is Labor Day, we will not be having A&S. **Sept 14th** is Stick Weaving with Raven, **Sept 21** is largess night.

There is a Garb Swap Sept 28th. Do you have garb in good condition you don't wear? Are you new and need garb? Clean gently used garb can be dropped by Mahin's anytime before the garb swap. New people will get first choice, then everyone else can go through what is left. This is a great opportunity to clean out garb you don't wear that is too good to toss.

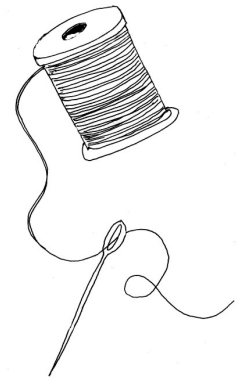
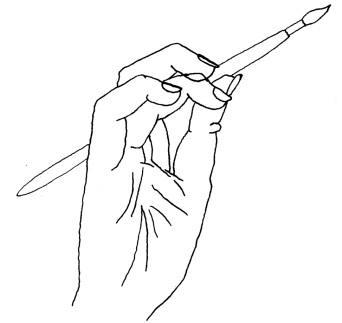
Additional A&S night subjects will be on the website soon. Don't forget that there can be last minute changes.

Is there something you want to learn? Something you wish to teach? Let me know, we will work it all in.

**A&S is Monday nights at Mahin's house.
110 Pine St, Butler, PA 16001. Everyone is invited.**

I hope to see you soon!

Mahin



*Do you remember all the Largess we created and gave to
Their Majesties Timothy and Gabrielle? They sent
us a lovely hand written thank you card!*



Greetings into Mistress Kaitla
and the Shire of Sunderwood
from STM Timothy and Gabrielle,
Our apology for the lateness
of this message, but please know
how much we appreciate your
generous gift of medallions,
cords and scroll cases. We are
so impressed by how much talent
and effort went into creating these
(and we understand one contributor
was only seven years old!) We very
much appreciate your thoughtful
gift and enjoy sharing with our
populace.

with our thanks,

Timothy Gabrielle



Fireside Feast



Fireside Feast's Iron Kettle Cooking competition!!

Rules - teams will be chosen at RANDOM.

Protein, water, salt, pepper and SOME cooking pots, etc will be supplied.

To enter - bring a random food item. DO NOT reveal said item until the time of the competition.

NO PREPLANNING - do not scene with your friends just in case you end up on the same team.

This years cooking competition will have a new twist!! The Fencers and Heavy fighters who bring a food item will also be placed on a team with the cooks. Their food item will be placed into our "Larder" they will then participate in a bear out style tourney. The person with the most points chooses first from the larder which item they contribute to their cooking team.



Questions please let me know!

Suggestions - pack your favorites knives, cooking utensils etc. if you have cast iron for over the fire please bring it....I am hoping to have 3 teams compete!



Rapier Tourney format for Fireside Feast:

We will be doing 2 tourneys that day, and melee if we have time and desire.

Tourney 1. Food is a thing.

This will be a round robin tourney with as many pools as needed to keep it manageable. From those pools we will take the top 4 to find the overall winner.

Fencers are encouraged to bring a donation for the Paladin's Pantry or a food related parry item. Use of either or both will mean a bonus point on the fencer's score in the round robin section of the tourney.

Tourney 2: Fight for your dinner!

Format is a Bear Pit Tourney with an entry cost of a food item. There is a cooking competition at this event each year. The item you bring as your entry will be used in the cooking competition by the cooks. The way this works is the food items we bring are all put into a larder. At the end of the bear pit we will figure out who has the highest points, and then in descending order of points we will each choose a food thing from that larder to give to the cook team that we are on. We will be teamed up with cooks at random to avoid preplanning advantages. You can bring any kind of food thing like spices, veggies, meat, vinegar, flour, sugar, baking soda, corn starch, juices, bullion, stock. Be creative! Be unusual.... Doesn't have to be expensive.

The cooking competition will be in two or 3 teams. Each team will be assigned rattan or rapier fighters to help provide ingredients in the same format as above.

And at the end we get to eat what we helped to make!
See you all in the List!

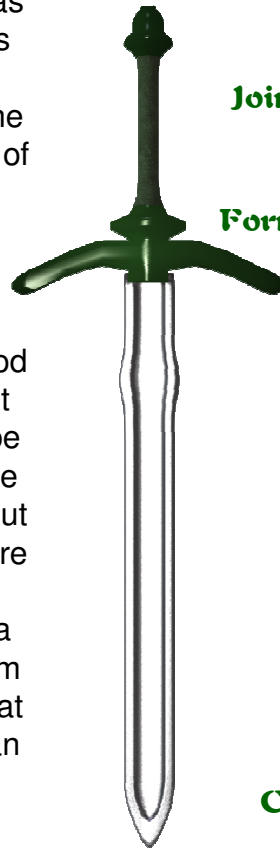
Heavy fighters and fencers this year at Fireside Feast.

Fight for your dinner!

Join us for a joint effort towards making the most delicious meal of the year. A cooking tournament of epic proportions.

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Inspections and sign up will start at 10am. Teams will be assigned at 12noon. Once you have a team and have donated to the larder you will be able to take your place in the list.



**Thank you one and all.
Eoin MacPdraig**

We are pleased to let you know that the 2015 Kingdom Newsletters are now available to all current Sustaining and International members for your review.

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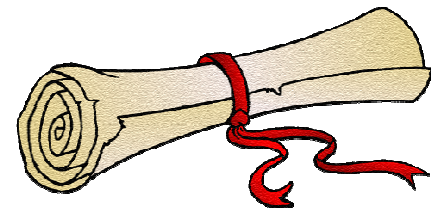
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- **for updates on **Fight practice**, **Fencing practice**, **Thrown weapons practice**, **Future events**, and **A&S meetings**..**

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