# The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.



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From: Bao Pham, President of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

To: Participants of the Society Re: President's Board Report

## Salutations,

The greatly anticipated report from the July 21, 2024 Board of Director's meeting is here! A recording of the meeting should be available at a later date on the SCA website.

This report is an abbreviated version of the quarterly meeting. The Officer summaries and commendations have been placed in this report exactly as presented in the original reports. The meeting minutes can be viewed by SCA members at <a href="https://members.sca.org/apps/#SignIn">https://members.sca.org/apps/#SignIn</a>.

## **Tentative Quarterly Meeting Schedule:**

1. October 20, 2024, Quarterly Board Meeting – In-Person

## **Tentative Conference Call Schedule:**

- 1. August 26, 2024
- 2. September 23, 2024

#### **New Branches:**

- 1. Calontir: Shire Villa Frumentaria (Northeast IA)
- 2. Trimaris: Canton of Brymmestreame (Northern FL)

# **Board / Corporate / Society Officer Meet & Greet Panels:**

The Board is currently looking for additional opportunities to set up meetings at different larger local, non-kingdom events. If any groups are interested in hosting one at their event, please send an email to the Executive Assistant at ea@sca.org for more information.

#### LILIES WAR

Many thanks to the Kingdom of Calontir for their hospitality at Lilies War in Calontir (June 7 - 16, 2024) for hosting a Meet and Greet at their recent event.

## **Agenda Items:**

## EAST KINGDOM ALTERNATIVE CROWN PROPOSAL

Motion by Pug Bainter to allow the East Kingdom to conduct a one-time Royal List by fencing / rapier combat and that the experiment be conducted between January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026. Second by Megan O'Shea. In favor: Pug Bainter, Megan O'Shea, K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: Gabrielle Fisher, Krista Capps, Jennifer Krochmal. Chair Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Pug Bainter to hold any additional requests for Royal List alternative experiments for SCA, Inc. and all current and future affiliates until one year past the decoronation of the Victor of the East Kingdom Rapier List experimental tournament. If the option to hold an experimental tournament is not utilized, the hold period will expire on December 31, 2026. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

## CORPORA, SECTION IV.A. ROYALTY-SELECTION

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to approve the Proposed Addition to Corpora, Section IV.A. Royalty-Selection as presented by the Society Seneschal. Second by K.T. Sheppard. In favor: Pug Bainter, Gabrielle Fisher, Jennifer Krochmal, Megan O'Shea, K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: Krista Capps. Motion carried.

# Corpora IV. Royalty

#### Add:

4. The Crown or Principality Coronet may refuse entry into the Royal Lists as either combatant or consort, on an individual basis only, for cause stated only to the person denied entry. Entry into the Royal Lists may not be denied to identifiable groups of people, or to a large enough number of entrants that it materially affects the size of the list.

5. The Coronet of a Principality may deny entry as stated above, only with the approval of the Crown.

#### SIEGE ENGINE HANDBOOK – TARGET SIEGE ADDENDUM

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to approve the Siege Engine Handbook – Target Siege Addendum as presented by the Society Marshal. Second by Megan O'Shea. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

## YOUTH COMBAT MARSHAL'S HANDBOOK – MINOR EDITS

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to approve revisions to the Youth Combat Marshal's Handbook as presented by the Society Marshal. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

## ACTIONS BY LAUREL PRINCIPAL QUEEN OF ARMS

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve the editorial correction to the Administrative Handbook IVG4 as requested by the Laurel Principal Queen of Arms. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pug Bainter to approve Laurel Queen of Arms' revisions to the following SENA Sections: Ancient Branch Names and Ancient Arms; A5C1 alternate blazons that result in quaternary charges; A6F "Claims Through Marshalling"; NPN4B2 "Names of the Society-Wide Orders and Historical Orders"; Appendix I2 to include gores, gussets, and triple tressures as types of peripheral ordinaries; Appendix I4 requirements for overall charges to more closely match period practice; Appendix M1 to simplified how we consider birds displayed for conflict purposes. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pug Sheppard to approve the updates to the SENA Glossary tables and Appendix as

as requested by the Laurel Principal Queen of Arms. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

See Glossary of Terms (https://heraldry.sca.org/coagloss.html) for more details.

## DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT – SEAT D

Motion by Jennifer Krochmal to appoint Joan Steurer (Rhianwen ferch Bran ap Gruffydd) to Seat D of the Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism for the standard three-year term and subject to the standard probationary period, effective at the close of the October 2024 quarterly meeting. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

## **OMBUDSMAN ASSIGNMENTS**

Chair: Mark Faulcon (Duke Martin Lochner)

Ombudsman for: President, Society Seneschal, Corporate Office, Executive Assistant,

Financial Officers, Chatelaine

Vice Chair: Gabrielle Fisher (Adrielle Kerrec)

Ombudsman for: Board Recruiting, Avacal, Drachenwald, Lochac

Director: Pug Bainter (Master Phelim Gervase)

Ombudsman for: Inclusive Programs /DEIB, Heralds, Æthelmearc, East, Gleann

Abhann, Trimaris

Director: Krista Capps (Bricca di Ghelere)

Ombudsman for Atenveldt, Atlantia, Middle, Ealdormere

Director: Jonathan Foster (Iohannes Glenfidanus)

Ombudsman for: Information Technology (Webminister and Webmaster),

Calontir, Outlands

Director Megan O'Shea (Sumayya al Ghaziyya)

Ombudsman for: A&S, Ansteorra, Artemisia, Meridies, Publications (TI, CA,

Chronicler)

Director: KT Sheppard (Graf Ulrich von Brandenburg) Ombudsman for: An Tir, Caid, Northshield, West, Marshal

## **RETIREMENTS**

Jennifer Krochmal /Duchess Kalisa Aleksandrovna

It is with deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude that we recognize Jennifer Krochmal for her outstanding service on the Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism over the past four years.

Jennifer's dedication has been a beacon of strength and resilience, especially during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic. Her guidance and innovative approach ensured that our organization not only navigated those unprecedented circumstances but emerged stronger and more united.

Jennifer's unwavering commitment, thoughtful leadership, and tireless efforts have made a profound impact on our community. We are truly grateful for her exceptional contributions and the positive direction she has provided.

Thank you, Jennifer, for your remarkable service and for being a steadfast pillar of support and inspiration for the Society for Creative Anachronism.

Lis Schraer / Mistress Elasait ingen Diarmata

Today, we also celebrate and extend our deepest gratitude to Lis Schraer as she prepares to step down from her role as Vice President for Operations for the Society

for Creative Anachronism. Throughout her tenure, and especially during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, Lis has demonstrated unwavering dedication, resilience, and leadership.

Her guidance during the epidemic was instrumental in navigating our society through uncharted waters, ensuring continuity and support for our community. Lis's commitment to her role has left an indelible mark on our organization, and her legacy of excellence will continue to inspire us all.

Thank you, Lis, for your remarkable service and for leading with grace and fortitude. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

#### **SANCTIONS**

John Bojanowski (Ioannes Serpentis)

Directors Jennifer Krochmal, Megan O'Shea, and K.T. Sheppard recused themselves from discussion of, or voting on this matter.

Motion by Gabrielle Fisher to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, John Bojanowski (Ioannes Serpentis) effective immediately. Second by Pug Bainter. In favor: Pug Bainter, Krista Capps, Gabrielle Fisher. Opposed: None. Recused: Jennifer Krochmal, Megan O'Shea, K.T. Sheppard. Chair Mark Faulcon exercised his option to vote and did so in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Ryan Davidson (Jose' Cabrera de Castilla)

Director K.T. Sheppard recused himself from discussion of, or voting on this matter.

Motion by Jennifer Krochmal to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Ryan Davidson (Jose' Cabrera de Castilla) effective immediately. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Recused: K.T. Sheppard. Motion carried.

Steven Guenther (Abuela Buenther/ Gunther von Wiseland)

Motion by K.T. Sheppard to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Steven Guenther (Abuela Guenther/ Gunther von Wiseland) effective immediately. Second by Krista Capps. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Tyler Marshall (Leofwine Wulfhere sunu)

Motion by Jennifer Krochmal to revoke the membership of, and deny participation to, Tyler Marshall (Leofwine Wulfhere sunu) effective immediately. Second by Gabrielle Fisher. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

## Connor Mulcahey (Connor)

Motion by Pug Bainter to revoke the membership of and deny participation to Connor Mulcahey (Connor) effective immediately. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

## Christian Conrad Claus (Conrad Breakring)

Motion by Jennifer Krochmal to direct the Society Seneschal to issue a temporary removal from participation in the Society to Christian Conrad Claus (Conrad Breakring) and to further direct the Society Seneschal to begin an investigation into possible sanctions up to and including revocation of membership and denial of participation, effective immediately. Second by K.T. Sheppard. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

Bao Pham President

#### **COMMENDATIONS**

I would like to commend Lis Schraer (Elasait ingen Diarmata) for her professionalism and work as Society Seneschal. It is the hardest job in the SCA. Her role demands impartiality and neutrality, something I have seen from her time and time again in the short time I have been working with her. She has served this Society for years in various roles before she took on this one. I am grateful for having the opportunity to work with someone that is level headed and experienced in a position that deals with extreme situations.

#### **PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY**

The May 2024 Conference Call (which was held June 5, 2024) stayed on target, and a new Ranged Peerage was approved. Unni Leino (Birgitta Lulli), Laurel Sovereign of Arms, has begun work, leading the development of a name and heraldry for this new Order.

A Patron membership has been approved by the Board of Directors, and we are currently working on implementation. Support for the SCA can be shown in many ways, and most often it is done through the time and efforts of volunteers. The SCA is extremely grateful to everyone that would dedicate their resources to make the Society better. As with other 501c(3) non-profit organizations, we are providing a sponsorship opportunity for individuals who would like to support the organization beyond the typical membership levels. The commentary period for the Patron membership closed May 3, 2024. As a reminder, the benefits are as follows:

- Exclusive access to digital content
- Limited-edition commemorative SCA merchandise
- A commemorative membership card and decree of Patronage
- Grateful acknowledgment in Society publications such as the Annual Report

Speaking of resources and support for the SCA, I am looking for deputies. My plan is to build some teams to assist in various aspects of the organization. After talks with Brigid, I would like to build a team to help facilitate transparency and increase educational awareness of the Corporate level (procedures, processes, roles and abilities of officers). I am also looking for deputies to work with Louise and me to compile and analyze data to help provide more information to aid in decision-making. If you are interested in these deputy positions, or if you have ideas for deputy roles that would make the SCA better, you are welcome to email me at <a href="mailto:president@sca.org">president@sca.org</a>.

It can be daunting to take on the position of an officer at any level in the SCA. More support should be available to folks who would volunteer their time. Louise and I (with input from the Officers) will be taking a look at our processes to increase accessibility and efficiency, starting by updating the Society & Corporate Officer's Handbook.

# Sam Davis Manager of Information Technology

COMMENDATIONS: None. PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

This quarter was marked by small but significant gains in ongoing projects. The policy document continues to evolve. Most of the work this quarter has been on updating the corporate SharePoint instance. Additionally, in collaboration with Tech Impact, we are generating training materials for the corporate officers in relation to O365 and SharePoint.

Nicholas Milano Society Webminister

COMMENDATIONS: None

PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The Kingdoms are continuing to work well across borders and share knowledge. The 3 Kingdoms that did not submit a report this quarter have communicated their reports will be later than usual but without any changes in the last quarter. This report marks my 2nd year in office and a new Society Webminister will be chosen within the next year. The job continues to be a challenge that I have welcomed and the experience of working with people from around the Knowne World has been very rewarding. For the next 3 quarters, I hope to continue to see growth in our community and the SCA as a whole. The goal was to ensure we were working smarter and using simpler technology. This would allow volunteers that aren't deep in the technical field to be easily trained quickly. There is a lot of website redesign going on in the SCA and sometimes the webpages might go down. Webministers should be more forthcoming in any announcements when access might be limited. If you see an unplanned/unannounced outage,

please reach out to your webministers directly. Also, in this age of instant communications, please understand that all webministers (or any officer) are volunteers. Please grant them grace when they are trying to best serve these communities. They may not respond immediately for a variety of reasons. Do not automatically assume malice or apathy.

# **Brigid Costello Society Communications and Social Media Officer**

Report remanded to the August Conference Call meeting.

# **Charles Burke OIP (Inclusion) Officer**

#### **COMMENDATIONS**

I would like to recognize my deputy Calpurnia Fortunata for their tireless work with building engagement through the DEIB Social Media Page.

#### PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Kingdom and Society DEIB Officer Handbook has been rolled out. We received the thumbs up from publications. Several kingdoms have reached out for guidance in appointing new DEIB officers based on the handbook guidance.

We will have the completed revised job description for Society DEIB Officer ready before next conference call.

Discussions have begun for planning 2025's Known World DEIB Symposium

# Lis Schraer Society Seneschal / Vice President for Operations

## **COMMENDATIONS**

Nik Cheimis (Master Nikoslav Mikolaevich) is stepping down as Kingdom Seneschal of Meridies after completing a two-year term which involved continuing to guide his kingdom out of the disruptions caused by the pandemic. He has kept a steady hand on the helm during sometimes tumultuous times and has been very easy to work with. I appreciate his attention to his kingdom's needs.

I would like to give a shout-out to folks in the Kingdom of Avacal, particularly but by no means limited to Tracy Walker (Mistress Roxanne dela Roche) and Carrie Mooney (Soir Kathryn), the event stewards for Grand TUA held in late April in Saskatoon. I was invited to teach classes related to my office at this event, and the hospitality and kindness of all involved was wonderful. Thank you!

I also want to thank the new Deputy Society Seneschal for Investigations, Mandy Grayson (Mistress Attia Prima). Mandy has hit the ground running and is already easing the burden of overseeing investigations and investigators on myself and my ER deputy. We are both so glad to add her to the team!

On that subject, Lee Clark (Duchess Eilis O'Boirne) is stepping away from that position after a two-year stint, though she will still be part of our investigations team. Lee has done a lot to help regularize processes as well as helping to keep me sane over her tenure. My thanks go out to her.

Speaking more of investigations, I want to thank the following people for their work in completing sometimes complicated and drawn-out investigations during the last quarter: Dianne Karp, Tim White, Jude Harrison. This is a thankless and nearly-invisible job as all the work must be confidential. I appreciate all of the investigators, whether or not they are listed here, for their willingness to do sometimes very discouraging work for the SCA.

And as always, my appreciation to all the kingdom seneschals for keeping the lights on in their kingdoms. The general public does not always realize the amount of behind the scenes work that these officers put in.

From the kingdoms I have the following commendations:

Calontir: Our kingdom chatelaine, Ottar Surtrson, is doing a wonderful job. He has organized an interesting slate of classes for newcomers (and most of the classes would be of use to long term members as well).

Drachenwald: We have a new Kingdom Exchequer, Duchess Siobhán inghean uí Liatháin. She is doing an amazing job and the Kingdom finance is starting to be up to date and in balance.

Meridies: Since this is my last report, I would like to thank the following people who have been indispensable in my term:

Mistress Jane Wolfden, Mistress Zayn al-Munajjima (Mittens), Mistress Annora Draper, Gräfin Katerina von Brandenburg, Mistress Baroness RondalynneSeren, Countess Arianne Lightheart of Whiteheld, Acharya Margav ati Bai Mewadi, Hlaefdige Angharat merch Morcant.

I'm sure there are many who I have missed, and I would like to thank everyone who has helped me and served the Kingdom during my term.

#### PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Whew. Since I last wrote a report, several things of note have happened:

- The SCA has acquired a new president in a scheduled turnover, with Bao Pham replacing John Fulton as of June 1.
- Interviews were conducted during April and an appointment made which took effect June 1 of Amanda Grayson as the Deputy Society Seneschal for Investigations, an expanded position from the previous Investigations Deputy position. The expectation is that Mandy's expanded role will take a good bit of the burden of sanctions and investigations off the Society Seneschal's office, thus making that job less time-consuming.
- Interviews were conducted and on May 2, 2024 the Board appointed Stacy Hall (Gwenndolynn ni' hA'illeach'in) as the next Society Seneschal, effective November 1 of this year. My warrant was originally scheduled to expire August 31, but due to scheduled travel that both Stacy and I had which was going to take each of us in succession to a different continent for weeks, we requested the Board extend me for another two months to allow for a reasonable transition time.
- I was invited to present two classes at Avacal's University event, and enjoyed the lovely hospitality of a kingdom where I had never before traveled.
- Director KT Sheppard and I held a small "Board Meet and Greet" at the Lilies War which was attended by, at a guess, 10-12 people. There were some questions about the Board action creating a new peerage, and several questions about how the SCA works generally.

Additionally, the Known World has held several of the extended camping events that crop up with the summer season: Double Wars in Drachenwald, Lilies War in Calontir, Battlemoor in Outlands, Quad Wars in Avacal, An Tir-West War, Warriors and Warlords in Northshield, and a new one in Artemisia: King's Road. Plans are afoot for Pennsic, Great Western War, and War of the Wings in the upcoming quarter. Speaking personally, this sort of SCA event is my favorite because of the immersion factor. I would encourage people to look into attending such an event if they are able; the experience is truly magical.

"Known World" events are also popping up. Some of these are virtual or hybrid so that more people from a wider section of the SCA can learn and participate in our educational activities. Please remember that there are some requirements for an event to use the "Known World" designation; these are located at the sca.org website under Society Seneschal items. The requirements are generally not difficult or onerous but do need to be followed, including required approvals.

In fact, all of the SCA's rules, policies, and procedures as well as a wealth of other information about the organization can be found at the sca.org website. I encourage people to read it, and to remember that officers and royalty are expected to be familiar with our rules.

With one quarter left in a tenure which started near the beginning of the COVID lockdowns when I was appointed Society Seneschal-Elect, I am working on a smooth transition of the

office. I am sure my final quarterly report will have some thanks and some retrospective as I have never quite learned the application of "brevity" in writing. Meanwhile, have fun and be safe as the summer unfolds. And remember to thank a volunteer or three.

# Michele Hays Society Chatelaine

## **COMMENDATIONS**

I would like to celebrate and commend the various members of the teams that have worked so hard to compile, edit, and publish the classes from the 2023 Known World Chatelaine Symposium. These were added to the SCA Youtube channel, and I hope will soon be making the rounds to all officers for their use and review.

I am excited for the upcoming Known World Newcomers Symposium towards the end of the year, being hosted by the Kingdom of Calontir and run by their Kingdom Chatelaine, Lord Ottr. Requests for classes have gone out, and as of our last discussion on the topic, the team meetings for planning and logistics are going great.

#### PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Greetings Knowne World! I am so incredibly proud of all the hard work that your Kingdom Chatelaine/Hospitallers are doing, not only to welcome our newcomers to their new SCA family, but to welcome back returning members and those transferred/ moved to a new Kingdom. It is in this effort that I want to send special commendation – it's the boots-on-the-ground officers who are making the SCA Dream happen. You are seen, you are heard, and I am SO proud of all the hard work you are putting in on behalf of your Kingdoms and your populace. Thank you! Now that Gulf War has concluded and a great time was had by everyone, let's turn our attention towards the upcoming summer activities, which include magnificent tournaments, exciting demos, and of course, the BIG events like Pennsic. Let's all remember that while we are having fun, keep an eye out for our newcomer friends who might be shy or unsure of how to get involved. Please extend your hands of welcome and friendship, because you are literally meeting the future of your Kingdom and the future of the SCA.

You're doing great, you've got this, keep being awesome!

# Michelle Santy Society Youth Activity Officer Report

#### **COMMENDATIONS**

HL Baron Goldweard St. Golias (Brett Chandler-Finch) during his time as Kingdom of Ansteorra Youth and Family Officer he has:

Revamped the Manual: The IT infrastructure for the office hadn't been significantly updated in over 20 years. I'm pleased to share that I've completely rewritten the handbook to reflect current practices.

Expanded Officer Representation: We now have officers in most major youth and family groups, ensuring a wider range of voices are included.

Promoted Inclusivity: To better reflect the office's purpose, we've updated the title from "Ministry of Children" to "Office of Youth and Family."

## PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Youth Officers are busy working to make the Society more inclusive, visible and approachable for family participation. Handbooks are being written or updated in several Kingdoms. Resources are being shared across Kingdoms.

Please volunteer to help out with family, teen and youth areas especially during the inter-kingdom wars. Check out how to get a background check/waiver if you are interested in helping in these areas regularly.

# **Louise Du Cray Vice President for Corporate Operations**

#### **COMMENDATIONS**

Thank you to Society Treasurer Carolyn Richardson and Society Exchequer Bonnie Stringer for creating an all-new submission form and tracking process for bank authorization requests.

Insurance certificate requests have levelled off somewhat after a very busy start to the spring and summer event season. Insurance requests are handled and processed within the week they are received, and work is proceeding on a new electronic process for requesting certificates which should help streamline the process for everyone.

This past quarter's processing issues with Wells Fargo, which were primarily concentrated in Artemisia, were at last resolved in late June. All bank authorizations for local and regional groups are again being processed on a regular schedule.

We continue to maintain an Inbox-Zero level on <a href="mailto:membership@sca.org">membership@sca.org</a>. All membership emails received during business hours are handled that day, and messages received during off-time are responded to within one business day. As a reminder, our business hours are Monday-Thursday, 9am to 4pm Pacific time. The Membership FAQ, which is accessible via both the membership portal and SCA.org, is continually updated with answers to frequently-asked-questions and solutions to common user issues.

As always, please reach out to us at <a href="mailto:membership@sca.org">membership@sca.org</a> if you have questions or need assistance with your membership; at <a href="mailto:insurance@sca.org">insurance@sca.org</a> for insurance questions and certificate requests; and for background check matters please contact <a href="mailto:backgroundchecks@sca.org">backgroundchecks@sca.org</a> or your Kingdom Seneschal.

# Gloria Woodard Publications Manager

#### **COMMENDATIONS**

My thanks and appreciation to the staff of *Tournaments Illuminated* and the staff for *Compleat Anachronist* for their hard work and dedication. Thanks also to all of the Chroniclers which serve at all levels of the SCA.

Special thanks and unending gratitude to former SCA President John Fulton for his support for the Publications Team and all his hard work for all of us who love the SCA. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to work with him.

#### PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The Publications Team produces monthly Kingdom newsletters, Tournaments Illuminated (TI) and Compleat Anachronist Publications (CA). If you are not familiar with our quarterly publications Tournaments Illuminated or Compleat Anachronist, take the opportunity to look through these amazing publications. Subscriptions are available through the SCA Bookshop at SCA.org.

# Dar'C O'Neal Tournaments Illuminated Editor

The report of the *Tournaments Illuminated* Editor was remanded until the August Conference Call meeting.

#### Ellen Rawson

## Compleat Anachronist Editor

I am repeating the following Commendation since the CA was published this quarter.

Thank you to Garfield Matson for CA 203, *Hávamál: The Song of Hár*, and his determination to create his own translation of this part of the *Poetic Edda*. Thanks also for him allowing me to make some editing changes. Elise Fleming is currently finishing her copyediting work, and I know that her eyes will catch anything I've missed. I have no doubt that Sue Gilbert's layout will be fantastic. Final kudos must go to Atli Freyr Guðmundsson, a member of the Shire of Klakavirki (Iceland) here in Drachenwald. He is a native Icelandic speaker, an archaeologist, and is very interested in the Icelandic sagas. Although he wasn't able to review the entire manuscript, he was available for questions regarding some tricky translations. His language expertise made it clear that translations of poetry, especially translations from older languages, can vary quite a bit depending on the translator's interpretations and poetic bent.

Commendations must go to Volker Bach, who wrote a cookery CA 12 year ago, for sending me a well-written and reviewed manuscript, *Hanseatic Foodways*, when I was worried about not

having anything ready to publish this summer. It should be CA 204. He also peer-reviewed a manuscript concerning Roman history that I hope will be CA 205.

Although *Hanseatic Foodways* isn't quite ready, as of this writing, for copyediting and layout yet, I am going to thank Elise Fleming for her copyediting prowess. She has agreed to go through it and contribute her own review since she is an SCA cooking expert. She has helped edit some of his past books before he had them published professionally. I also know that Sue Gilbert's layout and design will be exemplary.

#### PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Current Issue: 2024 Q1 CA 203 Hávamál: The Song of Hár Publishable Summary:

Hávamál: The Song of Hár is a new translation of a section of the Poetic Edda, believed to have been written in thirteenth-century Iceland, although it probably originated much earlier. Hávamál literally translates as The High One's Words. In Nordic mythology, the High One was the god Oðin, god of wisdom, poetry, magic, and death. It was believed that this poem was words of wisdom, homilies, and a code of conduct. Due to page limitations, only Section III is included here: Heilræði (Wholesome Counsel).

Why a new translation when there are other versions already available? The author first came across *Hávamál* and the Poetic Edda before seeing any English editions and wanted to try to translate it himself. Although he later read translations, some of them seemed either too modern or at least too nineteenth century. He was determined to create his own version. This translation includes the original language for each verse, followed by a word-for-word translation, the author's interpretation, and then commentary. Therefore, in addition to presenting a new translation, it also documents the author's process of creating it.

**Krystal Smith Society Chronicler** 

COMMENDATIONS: None.

#### PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

No problems to report. In need of a deputy society chronicler to train. Also, there are no plans to change baronial newsletter requirements at this time.

Travis Schenck Society Archivist

### **COMMENDATIONS**

The archive wishes to commentate all members of the SCA who tell the stories, sing the songs, and share the histories of our society. Thank you for keeping the dream alive.

#### PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The SCA Archive is working on several projects to digitally preserve physical newsletters in our collection and start collecting oral histories of SCA members. The Archive continues to receive copies, both digitally and physically, of newsletters from groups throughout the world. We are grateful to the various group chroniclers for their diligence in sending newsletters and other material to be preserved by the archive.

# Carolyn Richardson Corporate Treasurer

#### **COMMENDATIONS**

I'd like to again thank Bonnie Stringer, Society Exchequer, for working with the kingdoms to try and get their consolidated reports submitted. I know she has spent several hours on Zoom with many kingdoms this last quarter.

#### PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

While the increase in membership dues created a large bump in revenue for February, our monthly budget figures for membership renewal appear to be fairly normal. There has been a decrease in NMR charges collected, and I'm hopeful that means people actually became members these last few months. I'm still hoping to have the audit for 2023's financials started in July, but I confess given I'm still missing 4 kingdoms, I beginning to think that's a dim hope.

# **Bonnie Stringer Society Exchequer**

## **COMMENDATIONS**

Many thanks to Brandon from Artemisia & Theresa from Middle for their service. Welcome to Jennifer and David as they step up in Artemisa and Middle.

#### PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Finances should be transparent. Please remember we need to publish Kingdom and group budgets. Now that Kingdoms/groups have received their final 2022 reports – the Balance sheet and Income Statement should be published in the Kingdom/Group newsletter. Susan, our PayPal Deputy is drafting a policy change to allow use of QR codes – will need to be approved by the BOD before implemented. There will be open office hours the second Wednesday of the month that Kingdom and local exchequers & seneschals are welcome to attend. Please remember to the new NMR form as of January 1, 2024.

# Unni Leino Laurel Principal Queen of Arms

#### COMMENDATIONS

During a medically-originating disruption, Mary Dedwydd verch Gwallter was kind enough to step back in to make sure the office of Crescent Principal Herald ran smoothly. As seen below, the Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium was a success, and I would like to thank Brunissende Dragonette, event steward, Livia Petralia, deputy event steward, Alys Mackyntoich, heraldic class coordinator, Aaradyn Gyhoot, scribal class coordinator, Lillia de Vaux, proceedings coordinator, and the rest of the event staff.

#### PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The KWHSS was held the weekend of June 29-30, 2024 in the Kingdom of the East. Hosted by the Bailiwick of Ivyeinrust at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA. The symposium was a success, including several tracks of both heraldic and scribal classes, as well as side trips to museums and rare books collections.

The office of the Pelican Sovereign of Arms (decisions on name submissions) is due to change in October, with July-September to be used as a training period. A draft of the warrant for Nazirah Jetha (Sara al-Garnatiyya) is attached to this report.

Work towards getting the name, badge, and regalia for the new peerage order is under way. The working group had a meeting on June 30 during the KWHSS, and there is hope of being able to complete the project before the October Board meeting, although at the moment this cannot be guaranteed. Considering experiences from setting up the Order of Defense, we are reluctant to rush this overmuch.

# Melissa Midzor Society Marshal

## **COMMENDATIONS**

The Society Marshal would like to commend all the Marshals, KEMs, Deputies, and Generals, along with support from the Crowns, who helped make fighting, siege, live weapons, and equestrian happen at Gulf Wars this year. While there were many challenges, I saw the marshals rise to these challenges, have those hard conversations, and present a unified voice along with the Crowns on corrections and direction needed - it was amazing and gratifying to see. This amazing group of dedicated people gave up their time so others could have fun, and did their job in a professional manner in a very challenging and chaotic environment. I could not be prouder to be part of the Marshallate team.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Combat Archery would like to commend Baroness Sara de la Val, who was not only my predecessor in this office, but also served as the Combat Archery Marshal

for the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann. She is stepping down from her Kingdom position for a well-earned rest after almost 8 years in the office.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Equestrian would like to commend Mistress Eleanor Fitzpatrick (Patrica Cross) for taking on the huge task of organizing and revising the Equestrian handbook. She has gathered together a really wonderful team of people to help her with some important rules revisions, and I expect it will be exactly what we need when it's finished.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Thrown Weapon - The following outgoing Kingdom Thrown Weapons Marshals are thanked for their service: Ronin (Northshield) and Aki Seulf (Anstrorra). THL Guy is commended for helping get the Outlands Thrown Weapons program started, as is THL Forrester for their support. Mikael Melrakki and Dealla Cohen are commended for all of their work preparing for thrown weapons at the Pennsic War. Dealla is also commended for her work as my deputy for Missile Weapons. Her knowledge and skill set have made her a valuable resource for thrown weapons marshals to consult with. Collin MacKenzie is commended for traveling out of kingdom to teach his Care and Feeding of Thrown Weapons class in Æthelmearc. Rose Eileen Robertson of Caer Mear is commended for how well she ran thrown weapons at Ruby Joust.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Rapier commends Master Donald Donaldson, who recently stepped down as C&T deputy, for his many years of service and input to the new C&T Handbook.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Youth Combat - I'd like to personally offer my praise and gratitude to Abelard of Northshield for building up the incredible momentum for Youth Combat and ensuring his successor will be stepping into a Kingdom office at a very exciting time. They are also about to re-start the Youth Rapier program this July. Abelard offered his praise for THL Aodhan Mhic Gallchobhar, who will be replacing him and has already been very active in YC to insure a smooth office transfer. In the Midrealm, Domo Oda Oomi gave high praise to Queen Katalena of the Midrealm for her support for Youth Combat, both Armored and Rapier. In Ealdormere, Wulfgang praised both the current King Evander and the previous King Baldric for not only being strong supporters of the Youth Combat program, but also working with the young fighters at every event. He also praised Master Trumbrand for doing a fantastic job with the kids. Also, I'd like to offer not only my praise but my thanks to Karrah and the others from the East Kingdom who are doing so much work for the Youth Combat program there, and their preparation for Pennsic War has been superb! Many thanks to those who worked so hard at Gulf Wars for making that event for the Youth Combat kids nothing less than spectacular; they truly set the bar high for the rest of us.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Siege would like to commend Arkhai Nekhurin of AnTir. He has been out in front on the effort getting target siege rules set up and approved.

The Deputy Society Marshal for Target Archery would like to commend Lord Gregge the Archer for his almost 30 years as Atlantia kingdom scorekeeper, and for his replacement Lady Alessandra de Monteriggioni. Gavin Mac Giolla Ruaidh who will be finishing their term as Kingdoms Missile

Marshal for Ansteorra in mid July. Master Juan Miguel Cezar is stepping down as Kingdom Archer General for Æthelmearc, and for THL Alrekr Bergson who will be next to fulfill the role.

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- Marshal office changes:
  - o KEM West: Christopher of York (outgoing Leohtulf of the Silver Hills)
  - o KEM Drachenwald: Avery Arlidge (outgoing William of Richwood. now HRH! Congrats!)
  - o KEM Ansteorra: Skeggi Berbeinn (outgoing Asoph Hearts)
  - o Upcoming:
    - DSM Rapier (*warrant expires Nov*) position ad to be posted Sept.
    - DSM Equestrian (warrant expires Dec) position ad to be posted Oct
    - DSM Target Archery is looking for a deputy position ad will be posted.
    - Rebated Blade (steel) Combat (*vacant*). Program under review.
- New Peerage approved (pending name and heraldry) for Ranged martial pursuits!
- Harnisfechten A new experimental program for historical combat. This uses a Risk Management Framework (RMF) to evaluate and include established external systems, and should provide a path into the SCA for other established historical combat schools. Already several people have joined the SCA in anticipation during our development of this program.
- Crowns are adopting formats that increase fighting opportunities, reduce tension, improve discussion, and encourage calling of more moderate and clean blows. Outlands used a best 2 of 3, with finals best 4 of 7. Drachenwald is planning a similar approach with best 2 of 3, and also incentivizing the use of weapons other than sword and shield. The recent West Crown used round robin pools, with the finals best 3 of 5
- Midrealm's Youth Rapier program is rapidly growing, including experimental weapon research for new types of swords for Division 2, classes at their events, and a new manual under way. Their Majesties of East Kingdom have also made positive changes in how Youth Tourneys are scheduled at events, which brings more awareness to the program.
- Artemsia All kingdom handbooks are updated and published in the kingdom website library. Digital authorization procedures well received, marshals able to update from their phone/ computer. Authorization cards are generated instantaneously and the kingdom database is updated directly in real time, greatly reducing the confusion, nearly eliminating physical paperwork for the office.
- Shout out Crown Prince Hawkrill (Outlands) won Along the King's Road archery tournament at Grand Outlandish shooting a Period style recurve bow.
- SCA out-and-about:
  - O Atenveldt hosted a demo at the Phoenix Fan Fusion, and even had an indoor caged area for fighting to ensure bystander safety in the crowded convention.
  - o SCA Equestrians Master Eule von Haginbald, Sir Raphael Van Uutekerke, and THL Guillaume de Garrigues competed in Jousting and Mounted Combat at The

Grande Tournament at Schloss Koets, in Lauchroden, Germany, celebrating Castle Brandenburg 800 year Anniversary.







#### **Projects**

There are two major projects under way under the auspices of the Society Marshal Office.

- 1) Rules Modernization Goal: Update all the Marshal handbooks and Corpora to better reflect the current programmatic structure and safety best practices, and be user friendly.
  - Status:
    - o Draft Handbook template is 85% complete. Entries for Concussion awareness, Heat Index, and Air Quality included for review.
    - o AC, C&T, TA, and Equestrian are drafting their rules into the new format as a pilot for review and comment with the KEMs and Deputies.
    - Changes to Corpora and Governing Document public comment period ending soon.
- 2) Experimental Programs Goal: Develop clear and detailed processes. Develop standard models/categories, based on risk and expected participation, that include measurable goals, go/no go criteria, and risk mitigation. Ensure quarterly review of progress and challenges.
  - *Status:* A draft system of 3 tiers developed, with Roles & Responsibility and draft templates. Beta testing underway.

## General Status per Discipline

**Summary:** Martial activities have been on the rise. Some kingdoms report calibration creep, others report improving calibration and discussion. Discussions on potential rule changes are going well, and KEMs access to collected injury data is helpful. There was a rise in injuries from hard face shots this quarter – a reminder (per the Handbook) that face shots should be substantially lighter than to other parts of the body.

- 1. Armored Combat: Summer tourney season is in full swing. Drink water! Continue taking care of yourself and the person across from you. Communication is key to avoid missing shots and misconceptions in our game. Conversations continue across the known world with regards to calibration and blow calling, and communication between participants on the AC field overall seem to be improving. Discussions continue on mandating vambraces and the 4in strapped shield rules.
- 2. Combat Archery: Combat archery activities are starting to ramp for the event season. Kingdoms are reporting to me that new individuals are expressing interest in combat archery.

The availability/numbers of Combat Archery marshals in some kingdoms continues to be a concern. I have asked those kingdoms to look at ways to increase those numbers. Several people have contacted me about Rapier Combat Archery – these are under the authority of rapier marshals. The CA marshal community can assist with training as subject matter experts. No major problems were reported during the last quarter. In March I travelled north for Winter War in the Kingdom of Avacal (and their always warm hospitality). I am looking forward to attending An Tir/West War in July and Great Western War in October.

- 3. Equestrian Activities: There have been some decent increases in equestrian activities in the Known world this quarter, with several kingdoms actively pushing to increase equestrian activities. The Ground to Mounted combat experimental program was approved to be restarted, and relaunched at Gulfwars with a discussion class and a desensitization class. I will be working on updating the KEO list as several have changed in the last year. It's also time to put out a notice to find a replacement, as my warrant ends Dec 1, 2024.
- 4. Rapier Combat: Casual injuries seem to be down, but higher end injuries seem to be rising. Thank you to Master Donald Donaldson for his time as C&T deputy. My warrant is up at the end of November, an announcement and selection should occur in the Sept/Oct timeframe. Experiments continuing in an organized and well controlled manner. Non-metal Weapons experiment continues to grow. A note even with Reduced Armor, heat-related issues are still a risk and fighters continue to remove themselves from the field due to fatigue and getting near heat exhaustion. Please continue to be vigilant!
- 5. Rebated Blade (Steel) Combat: Ongoing action from the April BOD meeting. The Society Marshal has been directed to review all rebated steel rules and related marshallate education, and report to the board any concerns or recommendations. Initial discussions have been conducted, with detailed discussions (in person) planned at Pennsic. Final report to be submitted to the BoD in Sept.
- 6. *Siege*: The kingdoms have reported that siege is starting to pick back up which is good to hear. A draft set of rules for Target Siege has been submitted to the BoD for approval. This is a whole new type of target shooting for the siege community that normally can only participate in large war type events. The hope is to include more people in our area of the sport.
- 7. *Target Archery*: Most kingdoms submitting reports noted a general increase in activity due to the spring months which is what was expected. Several reported an increase in number of marshals and either staying level for participation or an increase.

The Society Seasonal Shoot for this past quarter was Golf. The goal of the Golf Shoot is to hit all of the spaces, your score is the spaces that are left un-hit. This means that a LOW score is better. Leaders in each category were:

- o Overall: Tryggr Björnsson (Wolfscairn, West)
- o Period Handbow: Silas of Polit (Politarchopolis, Lochac)
- o Open Handbow: Tryggr Björnsson (Wolfscairn, West)
- o Period Crossbow: Dolan Madoc (Lonely Tower, Calontir)
- o Open Crossbow: Gladius the Alchemist (Cleftlands, Midrealm)

- o Youth: none reported
- 8. Thrown Weapons: The state of the Thrown Weapons throughout the Knowne World is strong and growing. The number of participants reported (798), the number of marshals and marshals in training reported (396), and the number of practices reported (48) are all at all-time highs since Thrown Weapons was split off and became its own Society office. The number of events with thrown weapons reported this quarter (33), while not an all-time high, was substantial given the season. In the words of one Kingdom Marshal, "When it (thrown weapons) is available at an event, it tends to attract interest from a number of attendees and, significantly, tends to leave participants wanting more." Another stated, "Thrown weapons continue to be the strong PR build. Everyone loves to watch Thrown Weapons when it comes to demos etc. For many, it is where a lot of SCAdians have found their place."
- 9. Youth Combat: Current focus is on reviving Youth Combat in areas where the participation has faded, as well as ensuring all Kingdoms understand the importance of getting their reports in. Pennsic will be a super time to discuss the new manual and how to rebuild the participation at practices and events. Several kingdoms are very active, while some are surprisingly quiet due to lack of solid leadership, so I will be focusing on that in particular. Midrealm's Youth Rapier program is rapidly growing with Domo Oda Oomi's leadership, including beginning experimental weapon research for new types of swords for Division 2, classes at their events, a new manual under way and much more! East Kingdom Their Majesties have made positive changes in how Youth Tourneys are scheduled at events which will bring much more awareness to the program. May thanks to all the Youth Armored Combat and Rapier Marshals who offered great suggestions for updates to the Youth Combat Handbook.

# Experimental Programs - Status now on SCA.org/Document, Marshal section

• <a href="https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/#marshal">https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/#marshal</a>

## Sarah Nobel McGee (Hildegard Bergerin) Minister of Arts and Sciences

#### **COMMENDATIONS**

I offer commendations to the following individual artisans, and in some cases groups:

- I commend all Kingdom and local Arts and Sciences officers for their continued good work in the Arts and Sciences community. I am proud of everyone who facilitates, plans, and participates in A&S activities.
- Congratulations to Æthelmearc's Queen's Prize Tourney, Queen's Choice winner Baroness Antoinette DeLorraine with her recreation of Elizabeth's date tree embroidery.
- Congratulations to Æthelmearc's Queen's Prize Tourney, Populace Choice winner Brother Meuric Ap Gwillim with his project of medieval uroscopy.

- Congratulations to the winning team of Æthelmearc's Project Promenade. This was a 22-hour-long team sewing competition. The winning team included Dvorianka Zoya Dragomirova, Magdelena Txoperena, THL Agnella Iacopi, Lord Arne Burdenson, Baroness Anastasie DeLamoure, and Baron Salvadore de la Torres, who created a gorgeous and layered Norse ensemble based on Birka grave Bj 581 with hand-sewn detailing.
- Congratulations to Æthelmearc's annual Festival of the Ice Dragon, Pentathlon winners: Æsa Helgulfsdottir, Gesa van Wellenstein, and Drusillus von Oberbessenbach, Gesa van Wellenstein.
- Congratulations to Mattittiyahu von Mo'din winner of An Tir's Arts and Sciences Championship.
- Commendations to Þóra in Fróða for her service as Competitions Deputy in An Tir.
- Commendations to Duchess Dagrun Stjarna Ulriksdottir for her term of service as Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences in An Tir.
- Commendations to HL Jessamond of Emryskeep who has taken over an expanded program Farm, Field and Forestry in Ansteorra, including the study of equine animal husbandry.
- Congratulations to Artemisia's new Champions: Master Aslak the Awful, Kingdom Arts & Sciences Champion; Hachmood K. Braden von Sobernheim, Reserve Champion; Lord Law Valentine, Novice Champion; and Lord Killian von Wolfganghauser, Youth/Teen Champion.
- Commendations to Vadoma for filling in for Artemisia's Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences at Kingdom A&S.
- Congratulations to Mistress Adair of Maykswell, winner of Tempore Atlantia.
- Congratulations to Atlantia's new Kingdom Brewer Lady Eva Nethyrwode.
- Congratulations to Atlantia's Laurel Pentathlon winner Doña Mariana Ruiz de Medina.
- Commendations to Lady Gwenhwyfar Weal, of Atlantia, who continues to share her excellent guidance on how to do research and understand the differences between primary, secondary, and tertiary sources.
- Commendations to Viscount Elesar of Northumbria for his excellent display of metalwork, particularly the new Kingdom of Atlantia Great Officer chains of State.
- Congratulations to Avacal's new Arts & Sciences Champion, Milbryb Weaver with her projects of a warp-weighted loom constructed from locally harvested wood and clay, and the processing, spinning, and weaving of the fiber from her sheep.

- Congratulations to Avacal's new Bardic Champion, Arjun Singh with his entry of classical Bhangra dance from the region of Pakistan. His documentation included photos of Period statuary demonstrating the steps.
- Commendations to Asakura Machime, in the Barony of Lyondemere in Caid, for her work in finding classes for the populace and offering them online so that anyone in the kingdom might attend.
- Commendations to Staeina Halfdanardottir, in the Barony of Gyldenholt in Caid, for balancing several different local A&S events, plus taking on the Chancellor position for Collegium.
- Commendations to THL Rayhana bint Estafanos al-Abbas, in the Barony of Dreiburgen in Caid, for holding multiple A&S activities at her home, as well as on Zoom, with a focus on newbie participation. She works hard to make A&S activities less scary and inclusive for beginners, providing them with much needed support.
- Commendations to Maestra Gianna Viviani for her term of service as Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences in Calontir.
- Commendations to Mistress Lia de Thornegge who has guided Drachenwald's Laurel Sponsored Prize Display for over ten years.
- Commendations to Drachenwald's two newcomers in Reengarda (northern Sweden) Mickel who has thrown himself headfirst into the challenge 12 Months of Bardic, with deep dives in each individual genre and creating original work for each task, and Kim who is taking up a clothing challenge.
- Commendations to Mastyeritsa Marina Anastasia Ozeroski her term of service as Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences in Ealdormere.
- Commendations to the East Kingdom College of Performers and their guild head, Úlfarr Gylðir, for their successful recent performance challenge event.
- Commendations to the East Kingdom Brewers' Guild and their guild head, Master Krzyslaw "Kythe" Szubielka, for their recent Brewers' Collegium ("BrewU")
- Commendations to Mistress Arielle de Brabazon for her term of service as Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences in Gleann Abhann.
- Commendations to Guild leaders in Gleann Abhann, notably Scribal Guild leader Agostino and Cooks' Guild leader Laurel Sonnier.
- Commendations to Dame Jane Sutton for her term of service as Kingdom Minister of Arts
   & Sciences in Lochac.

- Congratulations to Iarll Syr Emrys of Gwyntarian in the Kingdom of Meridies who was named the Gulf Wars A&S Grand Champion with his entry, "A Carved 15th Century Norman Hearth Stool".
- Commendations to Captain Rodrigo Luis de Alburquerque, for his well-received research paper, "Ready at all Times in all Places: A Multisource Analysis of the Use of Sword and Cloak." which was entered in the Gulf Wars A&S Competition.
- Commendations to the following Meridians: Thorhall Wulfstansson for making a repoussé buckler and sewing a torse and mantle for Golden Lily prizes. Mistress Thorkatla for a mosaic painted Pelican scroll on parchment for Master Loegaire. Baroness Alejandra created a MoD elevation outfit from a period example and pattern of which was mostly hand sewn for Master Cameron. Lady Evangeline Bajolet hand sewed a wool peplos and shift and spun over 5000 yards of wool into thread for warping her floor loom. Ulfsfjall Smidr for producing a historically accurate and functioning Norse Cooking table that was brought, assembled and used at the Shire of Phoenix Rising's group camp.
- Commendations to Maîtresse Audette la Tricoteuse de Saint Denis for her term of service as Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences in Middle Kingdom.
- Congratulations to Northshield's Kingdom A&S Competition winners: Dyonisia Buleheued (Novice), Goda von Ulm (Open), Eithni ingen Talorgain (Advanced), Helgulfr Arngeirsson (Chivalry's Choice Award), Eysteinn meinfretr (Laurels' Choice Award), and Sibillia d'Orange (Pelicans' Choice Award).
- Congratulations to the Outlands Kingdom A&S Competition winner, HL Anne Elizabeth Morely.
- Commendations to Sir Valbrandr of Trimaris for his work on Gulf Wars A&S.
- Commendations to all those who put A&S classes, How-to tutorials, and other A&S related information out via various YouTube channels, and websites.

#### PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The Society for Creative Anachronism continues to fulfill its mission to research and re-create the arts, sciences, and skills of the pre-17th century world.

The 2nd Quarter has seen well attended in person activities, including Gulf Wars Arts and Sciences classes, competitions, and displays, workshops, several local and Kingdom Champion competitions. Successful online and hybrid A&S activities including universities and classes have continued. Kingdom and local officers successfully continue to update the ways in which we do Arts and Sciences activities, including verbal documentation, non-judged Displays, and interactive display opportunities. The Arts and Sciences populace, in general, seems to be enjoying and benefiting from increased opportunities for Display and Discussion in a non-competitive format.

The Society Minister of Arts and Sciences has an official Facebook presence located at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SocietyMinisterArtsandSciences/">https://www.facebook.com/SocietyMinisterArtsandSciences/</a> This page allows members to receive information about arts and sciences activities throughout the Known World and encourages them to share their own projects, promote local artisans, and connect with others who share their interests. Recently, the Populace were invited to focus on special A&S gifts made for, or given by others. The skill, love, and generosity displayed in these A&S gifts was astounding! Next, we will enjoy sharing recent, or current projects.

As the Society officer, I continue regular outreach through the Kingdom officers to help encourage and support officers from Kingdom-level all the way through to the branch officers.

This concludes the report for the July Quarterly Meeting.