

Barony of Namron Populace Meeting- Virtual
5 May 2020

Their Excellencies Micolay and Uliana presided. Lord Ryan (“Captain”) Savage served as Herald. Frú Kolfinna Egilsdóttir, Seneschal, in attendance.

Word Fame:

Nuala: Cailleach did an amazing job with Virtual Beltane.

Yancy: Complimented Donnchadh’s work preparing the virtual tourney, learning new software to do so, and his adaptability in overcoming technical challenges.

Sigridr: Compliments to Cailleach as Virtual Beltane Event Steward, and to the instructors, many of whom taught their first online class for the event.

Donnchadh: Thank you to Koia & Yancy for helping with the tourney; Koia served as Lyst Mistress, and Yancy filled in as a Marshal while Donnchadh worked through technical issues. Also, thanks to Cailleach for producing a great event.

Elsa: Thanks to Kolfinna for the Social Media promotions, and special acknowledgements to Cailleach for the beautiful event ad for social media platforms. Virtual Beltane was fun.

Jake: Thank you to Orlando and Cornelius for their work on the Virtual Academy of the Rapier classes; they are beneficial for Out-of-Kingdom participants. Thanks to Caterina for helping with technology for the classes.

Kolfinna: Kudos to Dyrfina for her excellent selection of youth activities for Virtual Beltane.

Their Excellencies: Congratulations to Captain Savage as the new Kingdom Thrown Weapons Marshal.

Deb: Thanks to Their Excellencies for home deliveries that reduced her need to go out in public during quarantine.

Cornelius: Thank you to Orlando for stepping in to teach voiding class for him.

Caterina & Orlando: Many thanks to Angelina for their scrolls & to Their Excellencies for their coordination of the scroll delivery.

Helena: Cassius was an excellent instructor of the block printing class. Helena also expressed gratitude to Zubeydah for her sweet treats and for giving Helena’s sister a legacy apron.

Kolfinna: Koia has been working hard on the “Pass the Mug” videos, which will be available soon.

A&S Show and Tell:

Koia took the block printing class from Rabbit, and has been using the techniques learned for large area block printing of fabric.

Nuala took Ginger’s class on naalbinding. So far, she has made a coaster and fingerless glove. Also, she fingerlooped wire and created a circlet for Snorri who just received his AoA.

Helena is working on an embroidery piece.

Captain recently finished an end grain block Thrown Weapons target.

Ragnar is making a pouch for “The Bob,” Matteo’s son, from a skunk because “he’s a little stinker.”

From the Officers:

Calendar Events Deputy, Sigridr Vilhjalmsdottir:

Please send activity info and virtual classes for creating events; request more virtual classes and will create events for them and advertise. Facebook Messenger is welcome, or send via email to: events@namron.ansteorra.org

Treasurer, Baroness Annabelle Fitzsimmons:

The current bank balance ledger is \$8491.97, with a few checks outstanding. Virtual Beltane expenses will be approximately \$200. Feel free to contact her with questions regarding financial topics.

Minister of Arts & Sciences, Lady Ellyn O’Ronowe deGraye:

Virtual Beltane was awesome, and congratulations to the competition winners. Thanks to everyone who is doing A&S. Thank you to Firestorm Ink for completing the scrolls for Virtual Beltane.

Congratulations to Adena for being selected to make special Queen’s gloves (naalbinding).

Baroness Kyna has made almost 300 sleeve pins, veil pins, needle books.

Requests submissions regarding everyone’s current A&S projects.

Chronicler (via Their Excellencies); Please send Plume submissions.

Rapier Marshal (via Their Excellencies) The Moore Public Library is currently under consideration for Rapier practices once we resume activities.

Webminister (via Their Excellencies) A complete overhaul of the website is underway, including layout, style, and information.

Seneschal, Frú Kolfinna Egilsdóttir:

Several officers expressed that they didn't have a clear picture of the duties of office before applying and when first taking office, all of the responsibilities and reporting requirements were sometimes difficult to track down. Round Table classes provide a lot of information, but if you step up in between those, you may be filling the role before receiving training for it. In response to their feedback, I've written Officer Responsibilities Sheets for all seventeen positions in our Barony that compile information from both Kingdom and Society policies and handbooks, and include clickable links to forms, documents, and email addresses needed to fulfill the duties of office. These have been provided to all of our current officers so they can give me feedback on usability, and notify me if any corrections are needed. The sheets will be available on the new website design when it launches. In the meantime, I am adding links to these documents to all officer application announcements so interested gentles can review before applying. I hope this will be a useful resource and welcome your suggestions for improvement.

Open Positions:

Social Media Deputy closes at 9pm. Thank you to Koia for her service as our first SMD.

Hospitaler is open through June 4, Lord Ragnar will continue as Librarian; new Hospitaler will have the option to recruit a deputy, if desired. Thank you to Lady Ophelia and her deputies for their service. Kelnan the Librarian

Youth Rapier Marshal is open through June 4. Background check is required for this position.

Webminister seeks a Deputy; WordPress + HTML experience desired.

Protectorate bids close at 9pm.

Financial Committee email address: finance@namron.ansteorra.org

Event, feast, tavern bids now go to this single address. Purchase requests and other financial business, too. All members of the Financial Committee will receive the email. Please be sure to use the "reply to all" option for communications.

Last month's Business Meeting training was on Social Media Policy & Best Practices. The slideshow and cross-referenced policies are available in the Facebook Group files. I also sent them out on the Namron list and they will be on the new website. We have added Facebook Group Rules- most notable is that SCA Representatives should indicate when they are posting as such.

Virtual Beltane Review has been shared to the Kingdom Social Media Officer, Ansteorran Seneschals and Ansteorran Social Media Deputies. It will also be published on the new website. Thank you for the feedback that we received; it was helpful as we assessed the event and looked for ways to improve future virtual activities.

Reminder that no SCA-sanctioned activities may take place until further notice. This means that SCA insurance does not cover any injuries and that SCA-owned equipment, including loaner gear, may not be used for "unofficial" activities. Technically, there is no such thing as "unofficial practices or activities." They're either sanctioned by the SCA or they're not.

Like all of you, Their Excellencies and I miss gathering in person. However, it is our responsibility to guard the safety and well-being of our Populace. This will make some future decisions difficult. As we move forward, we welcome your input and suggestions for ways to continue virtual, virtually-augmented, and in-person activities that will provide safe opportunities for all members of our Populace. The SCA will look a little different for a while, so let's flex our creativity to ensure that we still have plenty of opportunities to participate and keep The Dream alive. We need your ideas! You can email your suggestions to us OR:

Business Meeting May 21, Zoom, will be a Virtual Town Hall to discuss how the future will look. Bring your ideas about adjustments we can make for small gatherings, how to stay safe at practices, etc.

From Their Excellencies:

Beltane thank yous:

Cailleach for an exceptional job as Event Stewart.

The Original Beltane Staff for their hard work preparing for the event.

Virtual Beltane Event staff for providing a great virtual event.

Upcoming Virtual events:

May 9th 1:00 pm Coronation (Recording available at: <https://youtu.be/ivwUCGB1Q-I>)

May 16th NorthKeep Can't-Stellan: More information is available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3705743072833395/>

May 23rd Spring in Our Steppes: More information is available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/695232441018260/>

Thank you to Oddr for serving as Interim Treasurer, and to Annabelle for taking the position.

“Re-opening”: We are still waiting for Kingdom and Society discussion, as well as local guidelines.

Please participate in the SCA census June 7-21; more information is available at:

<https://www.sca.org/sca-census-2020-faq/>

Largesse for Their Royal Majesties is needed.

Please submit both Baronial and Kingdom Award Recommendations.

Pavilion painting & naming: We request more submissions, and have extended the deadline.

From the Populace:

Helena: I haven't received the Iron Artisan gift basket yet.

His Excellency: It was mailed today and should arrive soon.

Helena: Recommended that future events are livestreamed so that older members and distant members can attend.

Caterina: A service track of virtual classes is in development. Please join the Virtual Academy of Service Minded Individuals on Facebook for additional information and to participate as an instructor:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/706733156734796/?hc_location=group

Caterina is the Event Steward for Weisenfeuer Baronial on June 20. It will be a virtual event, with classes and some online competitions. Please contact her if you would like to teach a class. She expressed gratitude to Cailleach for answering questions and providing advice.

Helena: Are the “Pass the Mug” submissions still open?

Kolfinna: Submissions are closed and videos are currently in production.

Ellyn: Would like another virtual event in addition to in person events.

Meeting closed. Social time provided following the meeting; recording stopped.