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Viceregents • Sofya Gianetta di Trieste & Angelica Di Nova Lipa

Great news came to us of the reinstatement of the Canton on Northpass. Vivat!

In other great news, contributions of Ostgardians have been recognized:

At Southern Region War Camp:

- Congratulations to Lady YUMI ARAO on receiving her Award of Arms.
- Lord Ragnarr Bliskegg joined the Order of the Silver Crescent.
- Proud parents Ragnarr and Arnora share with us the joy of knowing that Rhys Ragnarsson was awarded the Tyger's Cub.

At Tournament of the Roses Awards given included a Silver Rapier each for

- Countess Indrakshi Aani Aravinda
- Ostgardr's current Fencing Champion, Jarl Ozurr Styrbjarnarson, also called Boot Giver and Stormborn.

Recognizing the service of Ostgardian Scribes, our own Voevoda Lada Monguligin and Lady Alienor Salton produced scrolls awarded at the Southern Region War Camp.

Gadding About

Since the previous Commons, Your Viceregents have been privileged to travel within Ostgardr and further through the East Kingdom to represent our populace.

The enjoyable Lions End Schola gave us the opportunity not only to enjoy classes and the good company of many gentles, but also allowed us to select our new Champion of Arts and Sciences, Lady Hanya Vladimirovna Polotskaya who illustrated similarities between pattern darning and a brocade woven including yarns she spun herself. We also awarded a Seahorse for the longstanding service of Lord Ronan FitzRobert.

Other events attended included the Lions End demo on the Farmingdale Green, the

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Iron Bog Investiture & East Kingdom Equestrian Championship, An Dubh's Potted Arms, and Beltaine in Tir Mara.

Upcoming Gatherings and Events

Ostgardr Pennsic plans are well underway, being managed by Land Agent Brandr Aronsson and Camp Master Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin. Our current count is fifty pre-registrations and plans are being refined for the Camp & Friends Potluck for Thursday evening of War Week. Attendees are asked to fill out the Ostgardr Pennsic Camp Food Survey, the link for which will be sent to registered campers by Mathghamhain.

Pennsic Camp Video conference Meeting this Thursday, June 22nd.

Vicereine Sofya is hosting an **A&S work party** to print Queen's Favors and Nine Mens' Morris game boards intended for the children of the East. 6:30 PM this Friday June 23rd.

Friday June 23rd - Sunday 25th, Vineland Raids: Champion of Champions Competition at the Barony of Smoking Rocks - Yarmouth Port, MA.

Friday June 23rd - Sunday 25th, Sommer Draw - Barony of Bergental - Greenfield, MA

Saturday June 24th Novice Day is being held in the Shire of Rusted Woodlands - Middleville, NJ

June 30 - July 2nd, Northern Region War Camp - Shire of Glenn Linn - Greenwich, NY

July 9th is the date selected for the **Ostgardr War Practice**, confirmation needed.

Seneschal • Nagashima Ichiro Ujimichi

- COVID-19 event language is no longer required for announcements or to be posted at events.
- Northpass has been officially reinstated and they are looking for deputies for officer positions.

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- Barleycorn budget has been approved.

Exchequer • Alienor Salton

checks written:

- brew u nmr
- brew u food reimbursement
- bears equipment reimbursement
- spring crown nmr
- spring crown refunds (6)
- spring crown reimbursement (5)
- spring crown sanitation (2)
- spring crown profit share with kingdom (\$1,339.85)
- northpass storage (3 months)

other activity:

- still no word back from kingdom on Q1 report imbalance
- got warranted!
- deposited BrewU PayPal check
- northpass inventory & funds accounting
- ordered, received & started using new checks
- spring crown gate check-in and control sheets
- deposited spring crown income (gate cash + checks, PayPal check)
- spring crown event report
- reviewed Barleycorn budget

Herald • Drasma Dragomira

A court was held at the Lion's End Schola back in May; all official and unofficial paperwork has been filed appropriately.

I would highly recommend if you are thinking about submitting names or armory to reach out to start working on it now, as you want to get those in before Pennsic floods the process.

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Chatelaine • Albrecht Anker

We have had about four to five new folks coming to our fighter practice off and on. Also a few emails which have led to some showing up at the fighter practice. If you're not a fighter, now is a great time to do some outreach at our practices. We have had a lot of foot traffic.

Chancellor Minor • Kunigunde Wedemann

I have nothing to report.

Arts & Sciences • Brandr Aronsson

Not much to report. As we all prepare for Pennsic I want to encourage everyone to participate in the Know World A&S exhibition at Pennsic. It's a great opportunity to display what you have been working on as well as getting helpful feedback if you so desire. I also encourage everyone to check it out as well. It's really amazing to see all the great work people are doing.

Armored Combat • Ervald LaCoudre

No report.

Fencing • Alec MacLachlan

Fencing continues at McCarren Park. I think we'll be there through the middle of July.

There will be no practice next week though, as it's July 4th.

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Minister of Lists • Vitasha Ivanova doch'

I am excited to be your Minister of the Lists. I have read through the MoL handbook and found differences between the position as held in my previous kingdom and here in The East. I have also consulted with the Kingdom MoL to clarify points which were unclear to me. As such, I wish to convey to you my duties and responsibilities so that you know how I can best support you and help you to be your safest and have fun while fighting in any form.

Any time there is combat outside of a practice, the MoL is required to check authorizations.

Per the MoL handbook, section IV(c), "All MOL's are charged by the Kingdom Minister of Lists with the responsibility for making sure that no person, regardless of rank, participates in Combat-Related Activities (including, but not limited to, Armored Combat, Period Fencing, Scouting, Siege Weapons, Combat Archery & Youth Combat) at any tournament or other organized Combat-Related activity (i.e. Battle, etc.)."

Per a discussion with the Kingdom MoL, this also includes demos. Additionally, all fighters at demos must be authorized. The only activity that an unauthorized fighter may engage in is fighter practice.

Speaking of authorizations, the MoL is in charge of authorization paperwork. Please let me know, as soon as you are able, if you would like to become an authorized fighter or if you would like to add a new form to your authorization. I will make arrangements to attend fighter practice, bring the paperwork, collect the completed paperwork from you after practice, and submit the papers to the Kingdom MoL. If I am unable to attend practice, I will find a way to make sure that you have the necessary paperwork, and that it is submitted to Kingdom so that you are official.

To all fighters: Please make sure to bring your authorization card and, if you have one, your membership card, or at least a photo of the front and back. I do have access to an online database, but I might have internet access issues depending on the site, and the database is updated at various intervals, so it is not guaranteed that your authorization on that database will be updated to show any new forms. I could print out the databases, but that would use up a lot of my personal paper and toner, and I find that a waste of paper as well. (Insert joke about me being a tree hugger.)

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To all event stewards and seneschals: If there are to be any Combat-Related Activities (including youth combat) at any event (including demos), please contact me asap so that I can make arrangements to be at the event, or if I am unable to attend, that I have sufficient time to find a suitable replacement. Please also let me know what kind of list(s) you would like to have run (round robin, double elim, etc.) so that I can make sure I have the proper paperwork.

To all marshalls: Please check in with me (I will keep an eye out for you as well) when you arrive on site so that we can make sure that we understand each other's needs for the event's combat activities.

To all youth officers: I was surprised to find that I am also in charge of Youth Combat lists. When we have an event that includes Youth Combat, please let me know so that I can make sure that I have all of the proper forms for your activity.

To the general populace: If you are interested in assisting me with the lists at an event, come on over! Whereas I have simultaneously run lists for armored combat and period fencing by myself before, I would welcome company and a helping hand.

Etiquette: In order to help me do my best, I ask that you please follow this etiquette for the lists table.

1. Please do not stand in front of the lists table during the tournament. The runners need a clear path to be able to pick up and deliver list cards. Additionally, I like to be able to see and hear the rounds so that I can know who the winners are and try to avoid any mix ups that may occur with errors on the list cards.
2. Please do not come over and ask who is still in the lists or how many wins/loses a fighter has, especially if I am in the middle of marking scores and/or pairing cards for the next round. If I am distracted, I might make an error on the lists, and that is unfair to the combatants.
 - Exception #1: You are the event steward, the marshal of the day, or seated royalty (and by extension our viceregents).
 - Exception #2: You are a fighter or the marshal or herald who was on the field, and you think a win/loss might have been mismarked, please let me know asap.

I hope that I have cleared up any vagueness about the duties and responsibilities of the provincial Minister of the Lists, and I look forward to serving you at events in the future.

Event #1: Fighter Practice on May 23, 2023

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Two armored combat fighters were authorized at fighter practice that day. Ilia was authorized in Sword and Shield for the first time in the East Kingdom. Ragnarr Blaskegg added the 2 Weapon authorization to his already active armored combat authorization. After practice, I collected their paperwork and submitted it to the Kingdom MoL electronically.

Event #2: Farmingdale Demo on June 3, 2023

A tournament for both the armored combat and the period fencing forms was originally scheduled. Four armored combatants and four period fencers signed in to the lists. There was originally some confusion with the fencing marshal and fencers. I could not find the fencing marshal, and 2 of the 3 fencers on the field did not know that they needed to check in with the MoL regarding their fighting authorizations. The fencers on the field also did not know that they needed a marshal present on the field while fighting since it was "just a demo".

The event steward later stated that she was not prepared to have the tournament as scheduled, so the fighters did standard demo fighting instead.

Webminister • Friderich Grimme

Thanks to those who have been sending information about upcoming activities and events. Please keep doing so.

Also, if there is any officer who does not have access to or does not know how to post to the provincial calendar, please email me.

Due to a mundane conflict, I will not be at the next provincial commons on Wednesday.

I am still looking for someone interested in replacing me when my term comes up in December. No one has stepped forward as of yet. If you are interested/willing please let me and the Provincial Seneschal know

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Chronicler • Zahra de Andaluzia

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Last issue of the E-Horse was published on June 1, and put on the website—thank you, Webminister—so thank you to all who contributed!!

Next issue will be published September 1, which is quite soon after Pennsic so as always, send me your writings, opinions, art, memes, quizzes, photos, pieces...whatever you think other people in Østgardr might like to know!

Historian • Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin

I've continued to record local happenings in and around the Province for inclusion in the Annals.

On a wider scale, I've also been researching various aspects of the history of the kingdom and the Society. I hope to eventually use some of what I've learned to publish an expanded "second edition" of Master Richard's "Geographic History of the East Kingdom" — there are some great stories worth sharing, like the time Duke Cariadoc challenged the Board of Directors to a duel after they unilaterally reassigned the southeastern states of the US to the new kingdom of Atenveldt in 1972.

As an aside, tangentially related to the historian's office but speaking informally as an individual participant, I've also brought my personal record of events in Northpass up to date, reflecting their reinstatement; that document is now over 10,000 words long, mostly covering the events of the last six years. The nature of the disputes involved leaves me reluctant to publish it widely in its current form, but I'd be glad to make it available to officers, and will preserve it for future reference in case subsequent generations are curious about how this story unfolded.

Social Media • Albrecht Anker

Looking to finish whatever needs to be done to transfer this to Lada.

Social Media Deputy • Lada Monguligin

Our social media assets and statistics for past month:

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Facebook page:

- Followers: 596
- Reached 733 fb users
- Engaged (likes, follows, comments, etc) 226
- Best post of last month pics from Lion's End demo courtesy of Vitasha

Instagram:

- Followers: 576
- Reach 1545 users
- 1243 non followers
- Engagement 206 users
- Been running Pride related content mostly by regramming other posts

TikTok:

- Followers: 1741
- 4741 video views
- 3511 audience reach (# of users)
- 50 checked out our profile
- Most popular videos:
 - What is the SCA by Catelin Straquin
 - Lei making by Yumi Arao
 - Great Sword drills filmed by Yumi, class by Ryou

Youtube:

- 162 subscribers

twitter and discord:

- I don't have stats.

Need folks to help create content:

- Willing to create content
- Willing to sign the waivers or give written permission to have their content shared.

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Dance practice fell into abeyance when the dance mistress left town repeatedly (and was out sick in between — never leave town is the lesson?). We'll be back!

We are eagerly looking forward to the registration of our new canton name, hopefully on the mid-July LoAR; as always, this is subject to the whims of the Sovereigns of Arms, but initial indications are looking good.

Sadly, the WHIDC has announced that the Medieval Festival at Fort Tryon Park will not be taking place in 2023. The Cloisters demo is normally a high point in our canton's calendar, and we will be brainstorming other venues and activities to organize this fall.

Our next canton commons will be Monday, July 24th, right before Pennsic.

Lions End • Iola Wulfsdotter

Spring Schola on May 20th was a success. Farmingdale Demo June 3rd, was also a success. I have been trying to contact all the people that were interested in more info about the SCA. Most emails are bouncing. I continue to try & figure it out.

Brokenbridge • Arnora Ketilsdottir

No report.

Northpass • Meadhbh MacPhárlain

- The Canton of NP was officially reinstated on Saturday June 3rd.
- The officers were informed of the official reinstatement on June 1/2 and held a meeting on June 2 to prepare an agenda for the first all-Canton gathering; Canton members were offered a chance to send ideas on Discord. A call for deputies and interest in key vacant roles was also posted on Discord. The finalized agenda will be circulated/posted prior to the meeting.
- Acquisition of the FB page is in progress.

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- The process to transfer NP funds and gear has been initiated. Funds will be transferred once the Deputy Exchequer is appointed and can support selection of a bank, as it should be convenient for that individual to access.
- The first Commons will be held once the charter is complete - we have a few things to tweak - hopefully before Pennsic. We expect this to be an online gathering to maximize attendance. The time and date will be posted/circulated once identified.
- We respectfully request those interested in keeping abreast of NP happenings join the Discord group and/or the mailing list, as those are our primary means of communication until we regain control of the FB page.