

Oldentales



Missive from your Baron and Baroness

Greetings from Charles and Aurelia, Baron and Baroness of Oldentfeld!

The Kingdom has Heirs! Huzzah for Sir Valbrandr and Countess Cherric, Their Royal Highnesses Trimaris! We will start assembling largesse items soon to present in a gift basket at Their Coronation, which will be held on the weekend of August 31st through September 3rd.

Here at home, We are gearing up for a busy summer. First, our annual Curia and Revel is quickly approaching. Please make plans to attend and help plan the future. Oldentfeld will be trying out a new meeting space for this event: the Miccosukee Community Center in northeast Leon County. It has a large indoor space with plenty of tables and chairs, so it should accommodate our group nicely. Remember that Curia is a pot luck event, so bring a dish to share! Also, since we have a somewhat limited amount of time at the community center, We invite anyone who would like to join us to come to our house for a continuation of the Revel. The pool will be open, if the weather cooperates.

Shortly following Curia, our Lions Tourney event will be held in July. This will be an entirely indoor, air-conditioned event. This will also be the event where We will hold a competition to determine Our Baronial Yeoman Champion. In addition, Baron Charles and I are offering a prize for the winner: one dozen combat archery crossbow bolts, assembled and ready for your heraldic personalization! Hopefully the promise of climate-controlled fun in the summer slow season will bring visitors to the Land of Big Fun, so We will try to coordinate crash space again for those who are planning to attend from outside Our borders.

In August, We will be traveling to Pennsic to support Our Crown, Our Coronet, and Our Kingdom. We also look forward to some fantastic shopping opportunities, of course. This will be the first Pennsic for both of us, so We are very excited to attend and report back on the glory and splendors of this annual war between the East and the Middle.

Finally, and speaking of wars, We would like to close with gratitude and appreciation for all of the fine folks who volunteered their time at Gulf War this year. Profits were down across the board due to lower attendance, but Oldentfeld brought home \$317 for our populace's efforts—the second highest of all Trimaris' Baronies and other funding recipients. THANK YOU to all who gave of their time to make War more enjoyable for everyone. Next year, We are hoping to work with our other Baronial cousins to expand the volunteer dinner idea and possibly even engage in a little friendly wagering among the groups. We know Oldentfeld can come out on top next year! #AIL OLDENFELD!

Thank you all for your support of Our Barony and Kingdom!

Vivat Trimaris! Hail Oldentfeld!

Upcoming Events in 2018:

- Curia June 9
- Lion's Tourney July 14
- Pennsic War July 27 - August 12

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Missive from your Seneschal

Greetings unto the populace and friends of Oldenfeld! What a busy Spring we have had! First, I would like to thank everyone who has come out and participated in all the demos we have done. So far this year, we have shown our talents at Pride Fest, impressed the children at Franklin County School and spent two days sharing what we love at the Southern Shakespeare Festival. We have reached out to many in our community which is part of what we do best!

We have also had some great events! Anniversary was expertly handled by a wonderful staff and the day was boisterous and entertaining! We also had the Red Hills Revel, which although it is an "unofficial" event, it was a wonderful night and day with friends!

Next on the calendar is our annual Curia. It will be held on Saturday, June 9 at the Miccosukee Community Center, 13887 Moccasin Gap Road, Tallahassee from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. There is plenty of shaded outdoor area for heavy fighting and rapier fighting. Unfortunately, there will not be archery at this event. It is a potluck so please bring something to share. There will be a Baronial meeting. If you would like to be on the agenda, please contact me. This year, the Curia will be a revel for merriment and the meeting will be to focus on the positive things we can do for our Barony to continue to succeed!

Even though the summer is heating up, the next event after Curia is Lion's Tourney, scheduled for July 14 at the Wakulla Community Center, and will be held indoors! It will be a pot luck and should be an enjoyable day!

I have also just been informed that the Barony of Oldenfeld has won the bid to host Martinmass Moot/Fall Crown Lyst which we be held at Camp La Llanada on the weekend of November 9-11. This is a Kingdom event and while it is a long drive for us, it is also a great opportunity to show how strong our Barony is! There will be more information coming up regarding this event but I wanted to give everyone time to get it on their calendars, since we can use everyone's help!

Don't forget, our Baron and Baroness continue to host Tuesday night project nights, heavy and rapier fighters continue to meet at Tom Brown Park on Sundays and archers have a Sunday schedule as well!

Thank you everyone for your willingness to share your time and talent to living the dream! Hail Oldenfeld!

Artemisia Pennelli

Fighter Psychology and Self-Perception: An Essay

It's well known that messing with your opponent's headspace before/during a fight gets results. While SCA fighters are more courteous in general, good fight preparation includes being as well informed about your opponent as possible. Knowing their strengths and weaknesses can be the difference between winning and losing your bout.

If you are good friends with your opponent, there will be no surprises and no advantages, but fighting a stranger contains unknown variables that you must adjust and account for, lest you be caught by surprise.

Some Kingdoms maintain a dossier of well-known foreign fighters that is referenced during Champions' Tournaments at War, while every fighter remembers key elements about all of the fighters that they collectively face over time; this is why it's always beneficial to pursue bouts with strangers as often as possible - to grow your pool of knowledge and the depth of your experience by expanding the overall size of your sample group. While this knowledge is critical, it can also poison your confidence if you dwell on it.

Inversely, if your strengths are specialized (speed, reach, etc.), understand that there is a method to work around them and you should expect to have to counter it. The best fighters have either multiple strengths, few if any weaknesses, or both - this is why I practice my weakest skills and why practice isn't about wins or losses.

In practice, do you focus on building your strengths, or eliminating your weaknesses?

Understanding yourself will help you understand how your opponent perceives **you**...which will give you insight on how they will fight you, which then assists your strategy going into the bout. This is what mental preparation consists of.

Consider: Some fighter at Gulf Wars/Pennsic is about to fight you in a tournament and asks for a 1-minute briefing on what to expect from you... What would you tell them?

Baron Miklos von Baker



Curia

Saturday

June 9, 2018

10am—6pm

Micosukee Community Center

13887 Moccasin Gap Road, Tallahassee , FL 32327

Potluck

Please bring a dish to share.



Lion's Tourney

Saturday

July 14, 2018

8am—10pm

Wakulla Community Center

318 Shadeville Road Crawfordville, FL 32327

Upcoming Events:



Oldenfeld Related Events in 2018:

- Lion's Tourney July 14
- Oldenfeld Harvest Oct. 6
- Martinmass Moot Nov. 9-11
- Yule Dec. 15
- Panhandle Skirmishes TBA
- Anniversary TBA

Other Event Dates of Note 2017:

- Pennsic War Jul. 27-Aug. 12
- Fall Coronation Aug. 31-Sept. 3
- Martinmass Moot Nov. 9-Nov. 11
- Gulf Wars XXVIII Mar. 9-Mar. 16

Personal picture taken by Scott Humphries, on view from the Old Viking Jökstad museum

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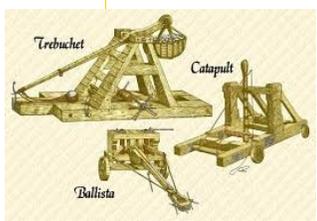


Baron Miklos von Baker at Scotts Welsh War 2016

Business Meetings:
 Learn more at Oldenfeld.org, or feel free to attend our meetings (first and third Thursdays of every month) upstairs at the Publix on Monroe. Address: 1700 N Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32303

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