

Quintavian Milestone

Summer 2015



Non-SCAdians ask me all the time, "Did you enjoy your War?" In order to not prolong the inevitable conversation that generally follows I reply, "Sure did." But that noncommittal response is only a verbal parry allowing a disengagement.

To you who know me, I say this. I did not enjoy my War. I lived it. I survived it.

I swam in the various streams of thought, emotion, and energy. Joy. Pathos. Anger. Elation. Dispatch. Desire. Titillation. Whimsy. Exhaustion. Pain. Respect. Reverence. Pride. Hunger. Loathing.

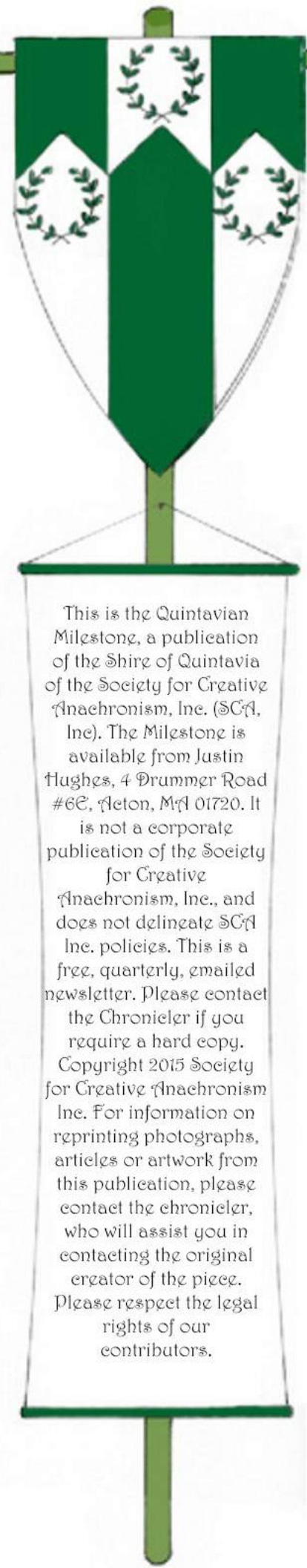
I loved it. I hated it.

I existed in a Time Bubble where everything, all the everythings, were compressed into 168 hours and I fear it wasn't enough and it was too much.

There it is, I lived a contradiction.

I went to the Pennsic War.

(Words by Sir Tanaka Raiko. Photo by Lord Murdoch MacRae.)



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Greetings from the Seneschal!

Greetings to the populace of Quintavia! I hope everyone who went to Pennsic had a joyous war. The Shire sponsored the annual Kamikaze Battle at Pennsic, which was well attended. We are honored to again host the East Kingdom Equestrian Championship, as well as the first official Thrown Weapons Championship this summer. Our lunch raffle fundraiser was also a success, and those lunches will be delivered to their lucky recipients at the Championship event.

We also held a Tourney Day to celebrate the Feast of Saint John Baptiste, where new Defenders prevailed in contests for rattan, rapier, archery, thrown weapons, and arts and sciences. Everyone who attended had a great time, and we applaud the entire staff for their hard work in making it happen. We have several events in the works for the fall and winter, so keep an eye on the event calendar for new events and some recurring favorites. It's an exciting time for the Shire as we have more and more new autocrats interesting in running events.

YIS,
Lord Aleksei Dmitriev, Seneschal

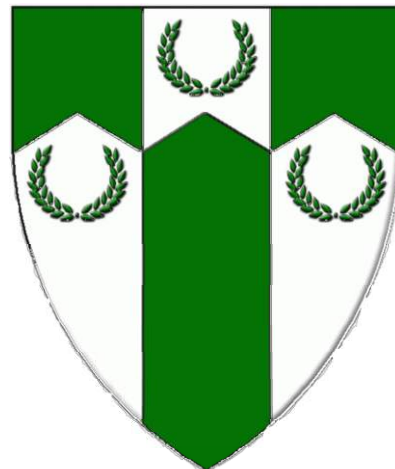


From The Chronicler's Quill

I'm afraid I got a little off track the last couple of months. Not enough officers could make it to the June business meeting to reach quorum, so with no business to report and no Quintavian events in July, I let the *Waypost* slide for the month. Then July came along and filled up with more writing in my mundane life, Pennsic preparation, and an attack of life that left me wondering if I could even go to Pennsic or not.. The next thing I knew it was the end of July, and I should really publish a *Milestone*, but there was no time with everything else going on. Pennsic happened, and then it seemed silly to publish right before King's & Queen's Equestrian and Thrown Weapons Championship, so now, finally, here we are!

As a reminder, you can always contact me at chronicler@quintavia.eastkingdom.org for submissions, questions, complaints, or incoherent rants. Our Webminister, Madame Perronnelle de Croy, and the Kingdom Webministry have been working on converting our email aliases into full blown mailboxes. That way, all future Chroniclers after I end my reign will have access to all of these submissions, questions, complaints, and incoherent rants. But not to worry – none of these can be published without a release.

YIS,
Lord Murdoch MacRae, Chronicler



Business Meeting

July 8, 2015

Officer Reports

Seneschal: Term up in November. Anyone who wants to run please let Aleksei know. Happy to step aside if someone else wants to. We provided day board at Sommer Draw, and made a small profit. Working with Bergental and Cassandra to put in joint bid for Crown Tourney, same site as Sommer Draw. Nov 7. Had a joint camp with Bergental at GNEW, hosting cocktail party for Runnymede. Drawing for EK Equestrian lunch raffle at GNEW.

Exchequer: Best wishes for Teresa's recovery from illness. We have money. Need to add Mikjal to the account.

Webminister: Added page for K&Q Equestrian. Need to add officer term dates and Sunday archery practice. Site running smoothly. Officer email accounts rolling out for webministers, on the way for other officers.

Youth: We have 10 plague mice thanks to Fiona. Pattern will go on web site so others can make them too.

Fencing: Two weekly practices, Mon and Tues, 20 fencers between both. There has been more heavy list crossover and more newcomers.

Youth Minister: Quintavia and Carolingia are working together, but no recent events.

Chronicler: No June *Waypost* due to no business or events that month. Running late on *Milestone* but haven't forgotten.

MoL: Andreiko stepping down due to regional and kingdom commitments. Elena running for MoL to replace him.

Herald: Marching in opening ceremonies at Pennsic – meet at EK Royal 8:30am Sunday. Defenders, show up in regalia.

Lochleven: Spring practice went well. Plan to do it again next year.

MoAS: Fiber day happened. Embroidery group stalled but starting after Pennsic. Rozi running shop night. Sewing nights also happening.

Dance: Monthly practices happening. Tues next week. No August practice because of Pennsic.

Archery: Sojourner did a fine job with the St. John Baptiste tourney, with help from Peter the Red and Rozi and Brokk. Mikjal is the new archery Defender, huzzah! Aleksei and Clarice have been very helpful marshals, and we have MiTs training as well. Rozi shored up the leaning stand, so we can limp along until after Pennsic, then make some range improvements. Practice 1-3 Sunday unless reported otherwise.

Heavy list: Practices continue. Attendance down, probably due to Pennsic prep.

Old Business

SJB: Made a small profit despite multiple local event conflicts. Feast was great. Site was great. Fergus Redmead would like to run a Brew U if SJB happens next year. No complaints. New people, new vendor was very successful. Want to run again next year, hopefully avoid conflicts.

GNEW: Lunch raffle for K&Q Equestrian/Thrown Weapons to be held at House Strangewayes piñata party. Camp Bergentavia (Bergental and Quintavia) – stop by and hang out.

K&Q Equestrian/Thrown Weapons: Fine now, but was a little shaky due to change in autocrat, delay in getting a written contract with the site, and miscommunication with Her Majesty. Gate will be more obvious than last year. Will have large, visible site tokens. If someone's not wearing one, walk them over to gate to register. Will do some setup Friday night before the event. Will provide food for Royals and event staff. Need water.

Bardic event: Run by Canton of Aschehyrst at Camelot with Quintavia's permission, October 17. Please show up and support our neighbors.

Inventory complete. Nearly all equipment found and returned. Rearranged supplies into small clear bins – lighter, can see what’s inside. Add shelves to trailer? Bought serving utensils.

New Business

Proposed newcomers’ event for second or third weekend in October, 2016.

Middle Eastern dance? Interest?

SJB next year – didn’t lose money, let’s do it again! Camping?

Proposal for Simply Allegorical 2. Lower feast budget, higher event fee, getting extra rooms for more space. Elvira to do feast – did EKV feast before. Fortune, Simona, Aleksei, and Teresa will meet and discuss, details, but an informal poll of officers present supports the idea of doing it again.

West. Boylston demo, October 7. Sell/give hot cider to draw people in?

Next meeting: Sunday, Aug 16, 12-2pm, at Mosaic.

Other Announcements

WPI fall gaming event, Fri-Sun Labor Day weekend.

Harper’s Retreat in Stonemarche, also Labor Day weekend. Aleksei, current Baroness’ Champion, is running the archery tourney.

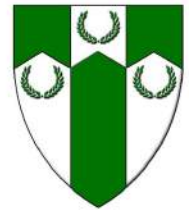
Possible future Quintavia/Carolingia joint event – maybe Hrim Schola?



The Name and Arms of Quintavia

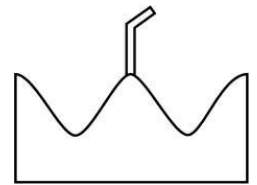
by Master Robert Whitcome of Brandywine

“Per fess indented of three points vert and argent, on a pale between in base two laurel wreaths, in chief a laurel wreath, all counterchanged.”



Quintavia was proposed as the name of the new Shire because of our vast size and the distance that the original members lived from each other. It took most members at least five roads to get to any meeting. The choice of which roads were up to each individual, and diversity was encouraged. The name was suggested by either Nan or Ray (no record or memory of their SCA names, but both were historical scholars) and was recognized by the members of the Shire almost immediately and unanimously as the perfect name for our Shire.

The arms of Quintavia started with the hieroglyph representing “foreigner” or “barbarian.” It represents the staff of the traveler from over the mountains. The Shire had been incipient for a long time, and was considered somewhat barbaric by our more organized neighboring Baronies. Also, to get to events we actually had to travel. The hieroglyph seemed a good place to start. The general opinion was a hieroglyph was NOT going on the Shire’s arms! But at the next meeting, someone working with the design of the hieroglyph suggested the *“Per Fess of three points and the pale and a single wreath.”* The two additional wreaths were added to commemorate the two original Shires.



The pale represents our central location in Massachusetts. The zigzag line represents three roads wandering through the hills while the two lines of the pale represent the two major roads. The fact that zigzag line is considered three different roads is explained by the New England habit of changing the name of a road every time it crosses a town line.

Green was chosen because wreaths are green, the central hill would be green, and because we liked it. Argent was chosen over gold representing snow, and no one wants yellow snow in their Shire.

Business Meeting

August 16, 2015

Officer Reports

Seneschal: Went to Pennsic. Hasn't done much else. Taking over as co-autocrat for Crown bid with Bergental. Election schedule revamp, proposals for by-law changes for Milestone still pending.

MoAS: Artsy stuff happening – shop night, scrolls, spinning, routine pre-Pennsic sewing panic. Aleksei wants to run a leather mask making workshop before Simply Allegorical.

Dance: Hermankyn has sent out the announcement for September's 1st Tuesday dance practice; it's been on hiatus since June. Thyra has been in touch with WPI about our usual demos. So far we have just talked about garb making and dance, but we assume other topics will come up. Will post to their member list about the upcoming local events as well, and try this year to encourage them a little harder to come to one instead of the entirely passive approach.

Archery: Practices have been spotty, though there will be one today. Looking for a marshal for next week. Fine with the plan if Rozi gets a "regional" or "all-martial" day together for the last Sunday in August. We still need to make new archery target stands, although Rozi has reinforced the worst ones so we are good for a little while.

Chronicler: Milestone out before K&Q EQ/TW next weekend. Will be attending and taking pictures.

Herald: Will help with heraldic stuff.. Learned things at Pennsic. Helped Shire resident learn heraldry, didn't learn as much herself as a result but that's okay.

Exchequer: We have money. Mikjáll is now on the account and can sign checks. Working out uncashed checks with Kingdom. Sent check for stART on the Street.

Webminister: Meeting at Pennsic, poorly attended. Email lists on outside services (Yahoogroups, etc.) need to be moved to our

server. There will be an audit of all web pages in EK. Officers now have mailboxes on the EK email server.

Youth: No meeting at Pennsic. New supplies, setting up craft projects. Planning to do some at Simply Allegorical.

Knight Marshal: Shire sponsored kamikaze battle at Pennsic. About 160 fighters showed up. Clean fighting. Practices lightly attended lately, here and elsewhere.

Old Business

SJB: Made money. Plan to do it again next year.

K&Q EQ/TW: Schedule pretty much set. Setup Friday night starting at 6:30. Hermankyn is gatekeeper for parking and preventing driving across the track. Plan is coming together. Lunch raffle happened at GNEW, cooks assigned to 6 winners.

Crown Tourney: Joint event with Bergental at site used for Sommer Draw. Nov 7. Aleksei and Pagan co-autocrating. No feast, rolling day board by Aleksei. There will be a planning meeting in Bergental, date TBD.

Simply Allegorical: It's happening! Higher family cap for non prereg. Changing date due to event conflicts – October 24? Parking will be controlled and closely monitored this year. Theme is Saints and Sinners. Garb contest. Maybe get Colin & Nicolette of Carolingia to hold court and give awards.

New Business

stART on the Street, Sept 20.

Boylston Fair, Same day as Coronation, again. Not going to happen.

SJB II. Fergus Redmead wants to make it a Brew U weekend camping event. Need to figure out dates and coordinate with other local events. Walk-in refrigerator will work next year. Can still do a feast like this year. Still have lifeguards for Saturday.

Yule. December 19. Fortune will autocrat, Teresa will coordinate with church.

Hafla. Perronnelle will autocrat. Date TBD.

Battle of Five Armies. Bolton Fairgrounds? Timing TBD, next summer/fall or maybe year after. Have ideas for various battles and other competitions.

Next meeting. Sept. 13, 12-2, Camelot game room.



Coming Attractions

Harper's Retreat

September 4-7

YMCA Camp Takodah

55 Fitzwilliam Road, Richmond, NH

Though a Barony of Stonemarche event, it is actually closer to Quintavia than for most residents of Stonemarche, being just over our northern border. This is a relaxing weekend of tournaments, classes, bardic circles, a feast, and socializing. Many cabins are available so you can leave your tent home if you wish.

Simply Allegorical, Saints and Sinners.

October 17

Wesley Methodist Church

114 Main Street, Worcester, MA

This popular dance event is back, with some additions planned for this year. Further details are still being worked out. Watch the *Milestone/Waypost* and the Quintavia web site for details.

Crown Tournament

November 7

Camp Moses

310 Birch Hill Road, Russell, MA

The Barony of Bergental and the Shire of Quintavia will be co-sponsoring the next Crown Tournament, where the heirs to the East Kingdom throne will be decided. At press time our bid has not yet been formally accepted, but Their Royal Highnesses have informally indicated that they will accept our bid once everything is finalized.



St. Jean Baptiste Tourney and Feast

Though originally associated with a Christian saint, St. Jean Baptiste Day coincides with the Summer Solstice, an important Pagan celebration. In the modern world it has shed many of its religious connotations, and is celebrated as a feast day in many European countries. It is in that vein that the St. Jean Baptiste Tourney and Feast took place.

Several of our finest chefs spent the day cooking the day board and feast over an open fire. The feast sold out, and many yummy sounds came from all over the feast hall. The menu consisted of:

First Course

Zucche Fritte (Fried Zucchini)
Emperor's Magnificent Fritters
(Cheese & Pinenut Fritters) Salat
(Salad of Greens)

Second Course

Sorcell Rosted (Roasted Duck)
with Sauce Gamelyne (Cinnamon Sauce)
Spynoches yfryed (Fried Spinach), Spelt Polenta

Third Course

Grilled Beef with Verde Sawse
(Herb Sauce) Ris engoule
(Golden Rice) Pescodde (Peas and bacon)

Dessert

Torta Bianca (Ginger Cheesecake)



Additionally, there were numerous tournaments to determine the new Defenders of Quintavia. All were welcome to participate no matter where they live, but the Defenders are the top scoring Quintavians in each discipline. Our new Defenders are:

A&S: Lady Rebecca Tomasina da Venezia

Archery: Mikjáll bogmaör

Fencing: Lord Benjamin Black

Heavy List: Gaston la Goth

Thrown Weapons: Lord Brokk Jarlsson



King's & Queen's Equestrian and Thrown Weapons Championship



For the second year in a row, the Shire of Quintavia hosted the East Kingdom Equestrian Championship, being the most central location for the Kingdom's equestrian group. Twenty riders competed, and there were twice as many horses as last year.

The first East Kingdom Thrown Weapons Championship was also held at the same time. Our Thrown Weapons Marshal, Lord Brokk Jarlsson, made several new targets and stands for this competition, which saw 29 throwers compete.



After the intense competition, Master Randall of the Dark scored the highest and was named King's Champion, with Baron Duncan Kerr as Queen's Champion.

Lord Magnus de Londres was the top scorer in the tournament, and was named Queen's Champion. Lord Kazimierz was named King's Champion.

Additionally, Mistress Eleanor FitzPatrick and Duchess Katherine Stanhope were named the premiere members of the Order of the Golden Lance. This award was established earlier this year by Edward III and Thyra II., and is awarded "for prowess in the equestrian lists and service to the Kingdom in marshalling, teaching, and helping to promote and expand the knowledge of equestrian arts." (Source: <http://www.sca.org/awards/east.html>)

There was no shortage of food and drink, despite the Shire being unable to provide it due to local regulations. The picnic basket raffle was a success, and many enjoyed meals made by the area's finest cooks. Most were large enough to be shared freely, and most people did just that. Many partook of the food available at several vigils being held, and Lady Elena Alekseivovna provided a large buffet for event staff and royalty.

Quintavian Events

Shire Business Meeting

Sunday, September 13, 12-2pm

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