

# Fort Knights

## THE SHIRE OF CAER ADAMANT NEWSLETTER

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Azure, on a pale vert fimbriated between two laurel wreaths a sword Or

This edition of the Fort Knights, will contain Meeting Minutes from the March and April Meetings.

### **Word from the Officers**

[From the Seneschal, Lord Mikael "Kael" McCue](#)

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Highlights from March and April Meetings

**Next Meeting: The next Shire meeting will be 6:45pm, Thursday, June 20, at the Corbit Calloway Public Library in Odessa, DE.**

## **A Word from the Officers**

**From the Seneschal, Lord Mikael "Kael" McCue:**

### **March Meeting:**

Still working things out with the office.

I am looking for two deputies.

The first will be a scheduling deputy, who will take care of the calendar, announcements and deadlines for things like Pikestaff.

The second will be a policy & procedures deputy, who check the By-laws and check with Officers over policy changes/procedures.

Stuff that needs to be done in the next two years:

- 1) Labor Day camping event needs to occur, every year.
- 2) Regularly scheduled event in Kent County
- 3) Increase attendance at meetings, not just Officers.
- 4) Find out if we still need ADA complaint places for Meetings and etc.
- 5) Try to get activity levels up. Resource people and membership increase and from this create an activity/event planning team.

### **April Meeting:**

Nothing new to report, still working on items.

**From the Exchequer, Lady Veronica Russo:**

### **March Meeting:**

Bank balance \$4,498.08. Signers have been changed on the bank account.

Would like to have a deputy for the office, if anyone is interested please contact her.

There is a need for a Chamberlain, to find out just what the Shire has and where it is stored.

## **April Meeting:**

Bank balance \$4,698.86, for now. Awaiting expenses to go out from Spring Thyng.

The Exchequer requested the following items for her Office: A book of stamps, a flash drive, and a locking cash book. This was taken to a vote and was awarded said needs for up to \$60.

## **From the Chatelaine, Lady Shoshana Gryffyth:**

### **March Meeting:**

All Gold Key has been washed and returned. New person "Karen" contacted her about the Shire.

### **April Meeting:**

Four new members have been created in the Shire.

We will be at Dover Days on May 5<sup>th</sup>, fighters are needed for fighting and everyone is needed for the parade and being available to people wishing to know more about the SCA.

### **Demo Proposals:**

Newark Community Days brought up as well as a possible U of D demo. More information on them, when available.

## **From the Knight Marshall, Lord Markus von der Oseten:**

### **March Meeting:**

Practice continues on Sundays in Newark 1-4. There were two away fighter practices in Iron Bog. There is an average of 7 to 9 fighters at practice.

### **April Meeting:**

Practices continue on Sunday in Newark between 1-4. Have idea to stand out more while fighting and that is to have banners made to draw attention to the SCA and possibly other non-combatants who can answer general questions about the SCA.

## **From the Herald, Lord Wulf:**

### **March Meeting:**

Nothing to report.

### **April Meeting:**

Reading Heraldry and still learning. No submissions.

### **From the Minister of Arts & Sciences, Mistress Margaret Hepburn of Ardrossan:**

#### **March Meeting:**

Not much to report, quarterly report going out soon. The Shire continues to have regular Dance classes, and Sewing.

#### **April Meeting:**

Dance practice and Sewing continues, nothing else to report.

### **From the Chronicler, Baron Adolphus Benner:**

#### **March Meeting:**

I want to move the Fort Knights to a webzine, something that more people can view and also learn a little something about what goes on in the Shire and SCA. Have to do research into getting this done and will need people to help with content and design.

#### **April Meeting:**

Nothing to report.

### **Captain of Archers, Baron Padraig O'Gealagain:**

#### **March Meeting:**

Practice on hold until Spring Thyng.

#### **April Meeting:**

Archery practice will start at 5PM until dusk on Thursdays, second and fourth Sundays 1 – 5.

Thrown weapons will be at the same times.

## **Highlights from the March Business Meeting**

### **New Business**

#### **Spring Thynges: Canterbury Tales:**

All staff positions are filled, but we might need an Archery Marshal.

#### **Need a fighting event for the Shire.**

### **Old Business**

#### **Everyday Thynges:**

The event went well, everyone seemed to have a good time. Some confusion about feast, but was a great event. We had 77 people all together, 73 Adults and 4 Children. 10 teachers with 14 classes, merchants did well and 13 people paid online via ACEPTS.

We should be getting the deposit back. The event lost \$30 and we should look at in the future of splitting the feast and site fee, to avoid the feast confusion that was had.

#### **Website:**

Has been updated at redesigned by Lord Enoch.

#### **Attendees:**

(In no particular order and excuse the spellings) Kael, Katia, Padraig, Markus, Veronica, Hugo, Margaret, Shoshana, and Adolphus.

## **Highlights from the April Business Meeting**

### **New Business**

#### **Proposed Melee Practice:**

Lord Sterling would like to put together a melee practice in the area on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> of May.

#### **Proposed Fencing Practice:**

Lord Davius is interested in starting a local practice, if there are people interested.

### **Old Business**

#### **Spring Thyng:**

The entire event went well, we had 67 people attend and took in \$699, \$15 in NMS.

Expenses: \$333.16 + \$20 for Food and \$80 for Port-a-Castles.

#### **Website:**

Please check the website to make sure things are correct, if there is anything that needs fixing contact the Officers.

#### **Attendees:**

(In no particular order and excuse the spellings) Kael, Katia, Padraig, Markus, Veronica, Margaret, Shoshana, Alexi, Simon and Adolphus.

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