



# The Martyr's Rede a newsletter of Swordcliffshire



November 2009

## October Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened at 7:35 pm  
Attendance: 9 adults

### Officer reports:

**Seneschale:** Quarterly report has been submitted. Asks Exchequer "Did you read the thing about the debit card in the Pale?" Our answer "we don't need or want a debit card." Is anyone going to Crown Tourney. Volunteers are being requested for Royal retainers and guards. (Reads note from the Pale about financial policy). The event in Lochmorrow has been cancelled. Rumor has it that Lochmorrow is applying to become a canton on Illiton. Seneschal also has called Mr Galusha re: use of Williamsville School - no reply as yet.

**Rapier Marshall:** Fighter's Practice was held on Sunday, fencers were there, but no heavy weapons... Next av. dates are Oct 11 & 18.

**Exchequer:** Balances: \$837.78 in checking; \$1343.01 in savings. Displays "this thing" from Taylorville (a bill for pool deposit), and a vote is taken and carried to pay the \$140 to reserve the pool for Ethyl. The event report for last Ethyl not finished due to not having correct software to open the forms....

**Chronicler/Webminister:** "one of those months" has prevented much development of Web site or completion of full-blown newsletter. Photo of the full shire to be tried for again at this year's Yule party in December. (Barring ice-storms...)

**Heavy Marshall:** won the Torchlight Tourney in Illiton (by showing up). During the day, fought w. Ix, who molted feathers from his shield.

(Insert much discussion on feast logistics...and how people SHOULD run them....)

**Ongoing Business:** rehash of Williamsville and Rogues' Day plans

**New Business:** Anyone interested in checking on possible participation in LLCC's Madrigal dinner? Ans: "Nope"

Meeting adjourned: 8:47

## Upcoming Events:

November 13-15: Crystal Ball, Shattered Crystal  
December 17 - Swordcliff Yule Party

## "Genevieve's Method for Making Sour Cherry Preserves"

First recruit gullible friends to climb ladders, whilst also risking life and limbs climbing the tree oneself. Sort thru cherries, discarding stems, bare pits, squooshy brown and/or bird-pecked fruits. Rinse and pour into fridge containers and hide in freezer until nearly forgotten, until such day six months later being bored you feel like making preserves.

Spend an hour (or so) pitting thawed cherries until you have roughly two cups of pitted fruits, also keeping the juice that falls into the measuring cup. Place cherries, juice, and two cups of sugar onto the stove top, and light stove burner. Insert candy thermometer into pot. Get out bleach spray and clean countertops of red stains, mop the floor, change shirt and soak it in stain remover. Go get apron.

Find old but salvageable lemons in vegetable drawer, slice into thin triangles, add to cherries which are already past the 150 degree mark. Get out stool and favorite novel, and wait by stove, checking thermometer at regular intervals and stirring cherries. Wait some more. Wait some more.

Eventually the thermometer will reach 230 degrees. Take pot off heat, spoon cherries into jar or coverable bowl. Once cooled to less than molten, get out spoon, sample cherries. Spend next hour picking out lemon bits which have become tougher than shoe leather. (Or eat anyway if your jaws need the exercise) Try not to eat entire batch at one sitting.

## Shire Officers:

Seneschale - Guillane de Vaux

Exchequer: Katrina

Heavy Marshal: Tan Po

Pursuivant: Thomas de Cordova

Marshal of Fence: Devin Breighallach

Min. of Arts & Sciences: Gunther von Sachsenhausen

Chatelaine: Cydeaux of Brittany

Chronicler: Genevieve de Vaucresson

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