

# The Tempest

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## From the Seneschale

Recently, things have been a bit disorganized within the Stronghold and I apologize for any inconvenience to our members. It seems that right after the Baronial Tourney was over everyone wanted to take a long breather away from the SCA. It's perfectly understandable - we worked so hard for it for so long that burnout was the inevitable result. However, we're back on track once again and enthusiasm is increasing towards its normal high. The library conference room is booked for Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. and I'm looking forward to getting back to our "normal" meeting schedule. Thanks to Eógan, *The Tempest* will be out more regularly for those who find it difficult to attend.

Which brings me to what's become a sore spot of late. A while back a member attempted to take me to task for not letting him know about the recent Library demo. Folks, if you're unable to make the weekly meetings, where business is discussed at great length, it's YOUR responsibility to call me or one of the Stronghold officers for an update. I have no intention of calling every member each time some new development crops up in between meetings. Also, since I'm the local Seneschale, I'd appreciate it if Lord Gundulphus - the Baronial Seneschal - not be approached for permission to conduct Stronghold business, where permission is needed. I'm normally not so touchy as this last statement makes me appear, but it's like a bruise that keeps getting mashed; it gets really irritating after a while. - Rhiannon

## Twelfth Night

Twelfth Night in the Stronghold of Eternal Winds will be held on January 5, A.S. XXVIII.

Site: Davy Jones Locker

Feast Fee: \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child eight through twelve.

Children seven and below eat free

Time: Site opens at 4:30 p.m. and will close NLT 11:00 p.m.

For those who require transportation, or who just want to volunteer a couple of extra seats, please call the Seneschal at 222-6431, and she'll have her overworked husband fix y'all up.

A gift exchange is planned, but for volunteers only. We'll be in touch with everyone individually on this subject ASAP.

His Excellency Christoforo is honoring us by attending - it seems he had a very good time here in October - so court will be held after the feast. This will give the meal a chance to digest before the planned activities commence. A Bardic competition will be held during the feast for those more interested in being hams than eating them, with a spiffy doo-hickey being awarded to the winner. We've planned for dancing to follow the feast, but be warned, the Autocrats have decreed that they're not going to have this turn into a dance class, so if you need to learn any of the Stronghold's favorites, you'd better set up lessons ahead of time. After the dancing, several competitions will be held, ranging from Combat Musical Chairs through genteel Relay Races, and ending with the eh . . . or . . . Neck Nibbling Contest (rules will be explained at the event - don't worry, it's PG rated). - Rhiannon

## Fighter Practice

Fighter practice will be held every Sunday (holidays excluded) at the Security Hill Gym starting at 1500. For further information contact Lord Eric Wibjorn (Keith Seglem) at H.P. 222-6852

## Local Officers Needed!

Our Arts and Sciences and Exchequer, Lady Doré and Lord Cameron, are leaving soon and they need to have new people take over their positions. Lord Cameron would prefer that whoever takes over as Exchequer have a 386 or better computer, as he's been keeping Eternal Winds' records on Quicken. However, this is by no means a requirement. This is about an hour a week job. If you are interested in one of these positions, please submit a resumé to the respective officers.

## Garb Classes Anyone?

Who wants to learn how to sew from scratch or improve already existing skills? If there is enough interest, a regularly scheduled costuming class can be arranged. Call the Seneschal at 222-6431. - Rhiannon

## Archery

Several members, myself included, have expressed an interest in period archery. I've recently looked into this subject and I believe we have the resources, and interest, to develop a good archery program within Eternal Winds.

Basically, I have catalogs from Three Rivers Archery and several bowyers, several books on traditional archery, and, during my recent trip to Cynagua, I was able to obtain the rules for the Inter-Kingdom Archery Competition and the Combat Standards Manual Kingdom of the West which includes information on combat archery (Of course, before any combat archery takes place, the Baronial Marshal will be consulted).

Also, I recently spoke with Pete Sherrin, the Misawa Range Safety Monitor, and he said that, as of 1 December, the archery range would be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 1000 to 1700. There is no charge for the use of the range. Dorm residents, if you are interested in storing your equipment in your

room, Pete suggests you contact your command section, as some commanders are allowing bows and arrows in the rooms and some are not. If not, maybe some of the married members can help out?

If what I've just written about interests you please contact me. I plan on ordering some equipment by New Year's. - Eógan

## Share Your skills!

As the new Stronghold Chronicler, I would like to make *The Tempest* a community affair, not just a one-man show. So, starting next issue, *The Tempest* will include an article from one of our members on some aspect of the SCA. If your good at some subject (i.e. sewing, making filk songs, poetry, etc.) please consider writing an article for your newsletter. An article can be anywhere from a few paragraphs to over a page in length.

Also, I would like to compile a list of all the members, their skills, and resources, to be published in *The Tempest* each month. For example:

Eógan CíChaille (Gary Eóghan Mead) H.P. 222-5820: All aspects of Celtic culture; archery; names Irish, Scots, Welsh, Cornish, and Old Norse; computer calligraphy; bardic information.

I would like to make *The Tempest* the best newsletter possible. If you have any suggestions as to how I can improve it, please let me know. I won't promise that I will implement every suggestion made, but I will give them all consideration. Thank you  
- Eógan

## Last Words

I would like to welcome a few new members to our Stronghold:

Donal Gordon (Don Hatchliff) - Donal is new to the Known World and is very interested in fighting, archery, and Scottish culture.

Possibly, he has access to Scottish items, such as kilts and bagpipes (Do you know why pipers are normally found in bands? Answer: There's safety in numbers.).

### Fernando de Santiago yVillobos

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Welcome M'Lords, to Eternal Winds. We hope you enjoy your stay with us.

That's all for this issue. Slán. - Eógan