

Draigcalon's Keep

April 2007

Letters from the Officers:

Seneschal:

Greetings Unto the Populace of Eastwatch,

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is THL Elena inghean Ronain and I am proud to serve as your Seneschal, the chief administrative officer for the shire. This is a very exciting time for our group. We have several new guilds forming, a list of instructors and classes available in a variety of subject matter and a number of upcoming events. The warm weather also brings outdoor activities such as archery, thrown weapons, fencing, heavy fighting and dancing. We are a diverse and dynamic group of individuals and I believe we embody the true spirit of hospitality. I look forward to seeing you at future meetings and events.

Yours in Service,

THL Elena inghean Ronain

Seneschal, the Shire of Eastwatch, an Incipient Canton of the Cleftlands

Exchequer:

Greetings from your group's exchequer,

For the first of our group's letters, I would like to encourage all of our populace, to try to be more involved this year, with attendance, and recruitment. The group is young, and more people at meetings, means more donations, translates to more things, we can do for our group. Such as loaner gear, starter supply's for A&S, carpet to fight on, hand outs for recruitment, our web site, group pavilion, and most importantly, keep on paying for our meeting site.

Thanks to 4 successful events, and the bow raffle, our coffers are in the black.

However our efforts now, and throughout the summer, determine our endeavors and abilities, for the next year.

Y.I.S.

Lord Christopher Bathory

Exchequer, Incipitant ? of Eastwatch

Chatelaine:

Greetings, fyne folks of Eastwatch. I am pleased to let everyone know that our website works. I have had several inquires through the site. I am in the process of making a per say, "marketing plan" to hopefully help us to grow. I will be visiting schools, including colleges and other interest groups possibly. If you know of a group please share them with me. We carry a good reputation as being a very friendly group! Congrats to everyone on that and keep up the good work.

Lady Cherise

Eastwatch Chatelaine

Chronicler:

Well we have a newsletter! I am going to publish one edition each quarter, but I need submissions. If you have a column or article you'd like to write, a comic you'd like to make, etc let me know and we'll get it in the next issue.

Lady Dostia

Rapier Marshall:

As of date, we have had two new persons interested in learning rapier, although they've not been around much so far this year. Congratulations to Rhydderch ap Morgan. He has finished all his training and passed the final test, just waiting on Kingdom to finalize his warrant. Rapier is an art of mind and body. It's a great stress relief, fat burner, coordinator, and really great fun. Anyone wishing to pick up the blade just let me know. I am only too happy to teach.

Lady Cherise

Eastwatch Rapier Marshall

Thrown Weapons:

Coming Soon to Chardon Range- Thrown Weapons!

Greetings,

The Chardon Archery range will also be host to a brand new Thrown Weapons range. I plan to hold thrown weapon's practice on Sunday's between 1pm and 4pm. Come out and try your hand at throwing knives, spears and axes. Loaner axes and knives are available, and I hope to have a practice spear soon.

Also, NOWM XI will be host to the Northern Oaken Regional Thrown Weapons Championship. Come out to the event to practice, play or compete. Earn valuable signatures for your MIT paperwork by helping me at the event with range setup, weapons inspection and marshalling tournaments.

If you are interested in becoming a Thrown Weapons marshal, please let me know. The Sunday practice sessions and upcoming event are great places to earn signatures for your MIT paperwork.

See you on the range!

THL Elena inghean Ronain

Thrown Weapons Marshal for Eastwatch

Crafter's Night:

Currently, crafter's night is held on Thursday evenings at my home from 6:30 – 10 pm. We work on everything from leather to garb. Anyone wishing to work on a project, or just wanting a place to hang is welcome. Pennsic will be upon us, Got Grab?

Lady Cherise

The Famed Weasels of Eastwatch Return!

Greetings Gentles,

Weaselcrat Rhydderch at your service. Looks like Fun With Weasels is going to be full of fun and weasels this year. Thanks to our pet charity Penitentiary Glen Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, who will be bringing out their weasel and perhaps a few other animals as well. We also have a nearly full slate of classes including brewing, sumptuary law, youth archery, western astrology, tanning, and others.

Of course, there are going to be the Iron Weasel and Wire Weasel triathlons, and the first ever Weasel Pup Triathlon for div III boffer fighters. The Rasputin Bros Tavern will be the place for the fighting, at least for heavy and rapier, and the fighting parts of the Weasel competitions will be open to all comers, whether they wish to be the Weasel or not. Come show off your prowess, aim, style, and grace, and help us keep the Weasels in Eastwatch.

Our brewing competition is now a fully sanctioned Inter Kingdom Brewing Guild competition, so hopefully we'll have several brewers trying to become the new House Brewer of the Rasputin Bros Tavern. There will also be the usual Best Weasel in any Media contest, as well as a contest to design a new sign for the Tavern. There will be a coloring contest and hopefully a scavenger hunt of sorts for the kids.

In the evening, after the feast, will be the Champions of the Glen tournaments for heavy, rapier, and archery. All participants, and anyone who wishes to sponsor one of the contestants will be hailed on the website as Heroes of the Glen. The three winners will be Champions of the Glen and their names will be added to a scroll that will be given to Penitentiary Glen. It costs \$3 to fight, or shoot, and you must have someone to shoot or fight for (they will also be Heroes of the Glen). Yes, even the archers will need a source of inspiration. A \$2 donation will sponsor a competitor, and you can sponsor as many competitors as you like, and a competitor can have as many sponsors as will have him or her. All proceeds from the charity tournaments will go to Penitentiary Glen.

We would like to have some volunteers to help out as tavern servers. The duties would be to station yourself at one of the lists, or the A&S tent, the archery range, the feast site, or anywhere else several people will be, and make trips to the tavern for them so that marshals, scribes, troll, instructors, etc. won't have to leave their post to get lunch or something to drink. We are also quite interested in helping hands to aid us in setting up and tearing down the site. Set-Up is Friday as soon as we can get there and get started. Sunday is tear down. Please help when and where you can. Set up crew will be fed.

Hoo-Bah's to Eastwatch Fighters at Standard Bearers

Several of our Eastwatch warriors made attempts to become Baronial Champions at the Cleftlands Standard Bearers event. Cherise, Christopher, and Rhydderch all gave it their best shot to become the Rapier Champion, and Cherise came close but lost out to Eldred of Gwyntarian. Bernard made it to the finals in the Standard Bearer tournament, which Baron Stephan Lübeck eventually won. Christopher Barthory though came through as the Archery Champion, beating out Cherise, Bernard, Rhydderch, and Maggie. The rapier and archery championships contained significantly more Eastwatchers than Cleftlanders, so we certainly made our presence felt.

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