

Malagentia Province Meeting

Meeting Minutes

4.3.25

Chronicler: Aesa Ormstunga

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by: Mat Wyck, Seneschal

In attendance: Mat, Aesa, Aloysius, Speedbump, Frances, Amee, Diamond, Colette, Mickel and Max, Aurelia, Bo, Lydia, Shyvan, Sulicena, Tiernan, Volmar, Micah, Theo, Christina

1. **Opening remarks** – Welcome to the April Province meeting, lots to talk about both locally and across the Kingdom, so let's get started.
2. **Officer reports** –
 - a. **A&S – Octavia:** Not present, update from Lydia: still doing all the things! Scribal, dance and craft night (very well attended!) every month. No updates from Ravensbridge yet, but may something coming soon. Cooks' Guild quiet right now due to weather, but have things coming up. From Mickel: music practice is back! Fourth Thursdays of the month, held at a private residence for now, attendance dependant. Instrumental music practice, woodwinds, guitar, etc., practicing on SCA dance music and late period arrangements. Sheet music arrangements can handle a wide variety of experience, everyone welcome. Max promises he does not sing.
 - b. **Chatelaine – Collette:** There are new people and they are attending things, which is wonderful! Last month we started work on the Provincial awards, still making progress on tokens. From Mat: last practice C&T fencers went outside for practice and at least four people came up and started getting involved :D
 - c. **Chronicler – Aesa:** First quarterly newsletter issue of the year is up on the website! Thanks to everyone who contributed, will be looking for content to include in the next issue soon.
 - d. **Exchequer – Shyvan:** We have money! That's it. Go us. Question from Mat: go-karts for all? Answer: no. Question from Volmar: how about a pony? Answer: will need to check insurance, first. But also no.
 - e. **Herald – Volmar:** We still have heraldry.

- f. **Knight Marshal – Micah:** We have fighting, and recently had a pair of visiting fighters come down from Endeweade. We also had a few people go down and had a good showing in the Southern Region at Mudthaw last weekend. And melee season will be starting in a couple weeks.
 - g. **Minister of Lists – Frances:** We have lists! The end.
 - h. **Rapier Marshal – Aurelia:** We have practice, that is all.
 - i. **Thrown Weapons – Tomas:** Not present, no report.
 - j. **Web Minister – Tessa:** Nothing to update, as always if anyone needs wiki help or sees anything on the website that needs updating, let me know! Also still looking for Deputies who may be interested in taking on the position next year.
 - k. **Giggleswick – Dunlaith:** Not present, no report.
 - l. **Archery – Aloysius:** Same status for now, one or two days of decent weather, but now mostly cold and occasionally sleet. Still swampy, but getting outside soon.
 - m. **Ravensbridge – Amee:** Ravensbridge is still going. Planning on H&M the last weekend in June.
 - n. **Quartermaster – Reynard:** Not present, no report.
3. **Foresters Guild – Sulicena:** Desemir and I are looking to put something together this month on the 19th in Cornish—looking like a loosely organised day in the woods, maybe with firebuilding, cooking, a hike and just enjoying the outdoors. Hopefully will have something posted about that in the next day or two.
4. **Cooks Guild – Lydia:** March weather got in the way and April is looking swamped. So in May, we're looking to host a workshop that looks an awful lot like Malagentia Test Kitchen happening on the same weekend (May 3rd) at the same place (Bradbury Mountain State Park). No Northern Chef Competition, but there will be a focus on cooking over an open fire and all associated skills. More info to come!
5. **Misc. items: Great Northeastern War** - The event is coming together! We should start to have schedules and information coming in over the next month or so, website should be updated around then, as well. Volunteers are super important—if anyone has any interest in helping out with the event in any capacity (even if it's not officially on staff), please reach out and encourage others to do the same! Many hands make light work.

An additional piece of good news—the cleaning company we usually use will be back! No more sign-up sheets for bathroom cleanup.

6. Upcoming Malagentia Events: This weekend we have a few things—Sunday is an invasion of the local Endewealde practice, will have some fencers and potentially armoured fighters going up. Coronation is happening in NY this weekend, and Balfar's Challenge will be taking place in CT the weekend after. The weekend after that will be Jehan's Fencing and Fighting at the Fort, a martial event that takes place at coastal Fort Knox. Crown Tournament will be taking place May 3rd in upstate NY (near Albany)—this will be a historic event, the first in the Known World to be fought using Rapier weapons forms. From Aloysius—anyone who's interested in heralding should feel free to come help! Basic rundown is you get a card to announce pairings, announce "honours" before the fights, and other miscellaneous being loud things. It's a fun job and has a nice bonus of getting you up close to the fighting. Please reach out!

7. Old Business: None

8. Other New Business:

- a. May Province meeting - it's currently scheduled for the day before a lot of people may leave for Crown Tournament weekend. Should we hold it or cancel?
Comment: with GNE coming up and May being a busy month, is there an option to reschedule for around that same time?
 - i. Current plan is to hold the meeting the Wednesday prior, April 30th. Same time.
- b. Province Name: It was brought up by several people that the name of our Province, "Malagentia," is rooted in problematic history, including racism, European colonialism and terminology deeply insulting to indigenous peoples (for those who aren't aware, the name comes from when Italian explorer Giovanni da Verrazano arrived at the shores of what now make up our Province and were not well received by the indigenous peoples. He didn't take this well and in his records referred to them as "barbarous" and "uncouth," among other things. Later, his brother would label that stretch of coast "Terra Onde di Mala Gente" or "Land of the Bad People."). While it was noted that it was not necessarily being suggested that we change our name, we should be considering the history and

source, whether we're engaging in appropriation, whether this is the image we want to portray and how we come across to those new to the Society and finding that story on our website.

- i. Additional comments of support came from various meeting attendants, none in opposition. Suggestions included reaching out to local Indigenous peoples, rethinking what goes on our website and putting together a small group of people to further discuss and consider options.
- ii. This is still in process, however in the interim it was suggested that we remove that particular story from the website in the meantime. Tessa has since taken text in question down.

9. Questions?

10. Closing

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm by: Mat Wyck.