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## **Letter from the Editor:**

Just when you thought you could breathe a little easier with the holidays behind you. . . Event season begins anew! Collegiums are being held far and wide for the next month or two, and the great Gulf Wars is merely weeks away.

I think Winter Collegium: Ready, Steady, War! was a success. We didn't have quite the numbers we'd hoped for, but the people that did attend the event had a great time. I heard numerous positive comments about the classes - how they were different from your "typical" collegium fare, how entertaining the instructors were, and how much attendees learned in general. The free lunch was a great success. The food was

excellent, the buffet-style plate line was different, and the music was entertaining. The fabric sale was the sleeper hit of the event, I believe! Aoibheann and I expected maybe a table's worth of material to sell, but we ended up with fabric piled two to three layers deep, with more hung on the coat rack, laid on the floor, and stacked against the wall. Who knew?

And I must apologize for the shortness of the newsletter this month - my family traded the flu around for a couple of weeks, and they finally handed it off to me. I hope to be well enough to get a longer Blade out next month.

YiS,  
Ailleagan



#### **Shire Schedule for February:**

Unofficial fighter practices may be held on Thursdays at 5:30 at Feargus's house. Please check with him before heading over there. The schedule is subject to change for holidays, weather, and various mundane reasons. Archery practice is suspended for the off-season.

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in room 126 of the UAH Student Center unless otherwise noted.

February 6 - business meeting

February 13 - project night, focusing on sewing and Gulf Wars garb prep

February 20 - class night - Mead, by Lord Connor

February 27 - dance, to help prepare for the White Rose Ball



#### **Announcements:**

Several offices have noted a need for a deputy.

Per Lady Nuala, An Dun Theine's seneschal:

"The Kingdom requires all officers to have an active membership. Unofficially I have requested that officers and their deputy be active in the shire. This is defined as attending at least the Business Meeting each month. We also have quarterly Officers

Meetings prior to the regular Business Meeting. Since the shire has a fair number of members, I have encouraged individuals to only hold one office or deputy."

The offices in need are:

Chatelaine - The deputy must be ready and able to accept the position when Lady Aoibheann steps down in the next 12 months.

A&S - THL Moira is moving away this summer (\*sniff\*), so Mistress Bianca needs a replacement.

Herald - There are no deputies that have an active role in the Shire, so Lord Connor is looking for someone.

Chronicler - I have no deputies at all! Do I smell bad?

THL Moira is also looking for someone to replace her as Scribal something-or-other. (Bad Chronicler - I didn't write it down!)

The Shire's Chirurgeon and Minister of Children (MoC) offices are also currently vacant.

If you have questions about any of the deputy positions, please contact the current officers. If you have questions about the Chirurgeon or MoC jobs, please contact Lady Nuala.



Coronation is coming up quickly. Here is the Populace's Oath of Fealty, in case you want to practice. Learn it, live it, love it! =)

I, (name), do swear fealty and service unto the Crown of Meridies. To speak and to be silent, to do and to let be, to come and to go, in need and in plenty, in peace and in war, in living and in dying, from this hour henceforth, until my Lord release me, or death take me, or the world end.



## Useful Links

Hard-to-Find Books

[www.powells.com](http://www.powells.com)

[www.alibris.com](http://www.alibris.com)

Lady Nuala says the books featured on these sites are sometimes new, sometimes used, but both have wonderful search engines to help you find books you didn't even know you wanted.

Guilds of Meridies

[www.meridies.org/ans/guilds.htm](http://www.meridies.org/ans/guilds.htm)

This is the link with the email contacts attached. The specific guilds and their contacts are as follows:

Bakers and Confectioners - THLady Callie O'Reilly

Blacksmiths - Master Erik of Telemark

College of Scribes - THLord Simon the Wanderer

Company of St. Dunstan - THL Roz

Corps of Engineers - The Venerable Brother Michael-Lazarus of Antioch

Costumers - Mistress Bianca Allegri da Vicenza

Coursing - THLady Peryn Rose Whytehorse

Embroiderers - Lady Francesca d'Angelo

Herb - Lady Randalin in Kyrra

Minstrels - Master Kevin Eriol

Moneyers - THLord Gryffri de Newmarch

Saltare - THLady Peryn Rose Whytehorse

Textile Arts Construction - Mistress Brigit

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