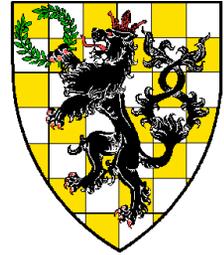
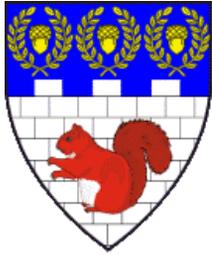


# The Jousting Squirrel



*October, Anno Societatis LIX (2024)  
Newsletter for The Canton of Akornebir*

*A Branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA Inc.)*

## The baron has a ball

October in Wastekeep means the return of Baron's Ball with several members from the Canton of Akornebir camping out under the stars for the weekend, crossing swords, participating in court and competitions, and rekindling friendships from across the Kingdom of An Tir.

It was their first Ball as Baron and Baroness for their Excellencies William and Anna, who held a joint court with their royal majesties in attendance. As the evening court grew darker, the presence of fiery torches illuminated both the thrones and our members in attendance—like Dame Katherine, Lady Sadhbh, and Honorable Lady Kaitlin—making for an enchanting atmosphere of festive camaraderie.

Earlier in the day, Mistress Gudrun hosted a siege cooking competition which returned after a couple of years hiatus, and Lord Cuthbert competed alongside Master Thorkell in the rapier Rose Tournament that was won by An Tir's newest Master of Defense, Alexandre De Saint Roma De Sau, also known as Roma. His peerage elevation at night was a special highlight.

There was also a highly memorable Bardic championship that took place during court. As well as an endearing piece by Honorable Lady Izza honoring Roma, Lord Panfilo eventually won with a hilariously romantic shipwreck ballad.



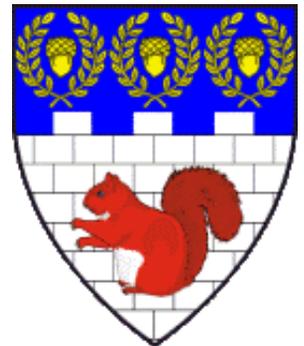
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## about the canton of Akornebir

The Canton of Akornebir is a branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. We are located at the foot of the Blue Mountains, in Walla Walla, Washington. Our area includes all of Walla Walla County and the Waitsburg/Dayton area. Akornebir became an official branch of the Society in June, 2001 (A.S. XXXVI). Citizens of Akornebir have for many years been affectionately known as Squirrels.



The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA) is a non-profit group dedicated to researching and recreating the Middle Ages in the present.

The Canton of Akornebir is located in the Kingdom of An Tir (Irish translation: Our Land), in the area formerly known as the Inland Region. Locally, the Canton of Akornebir is a part of the Barony of Wastekeep. Its territory includes the Canton of Akornebir, and any 993xx zip codes within Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla counties and, through previous negotiations, including Grandview, which is in Yakima county.

The Barony of Wastekeep is ruled by our Baron and Baroness who act on the King's authority and hold the lands in their stead. Their Excellencies are pleased to grant Baronial Awards to worthy members of the populous and to challenge those who would apply to become one of Wastekeep's Sergeants.

## web links

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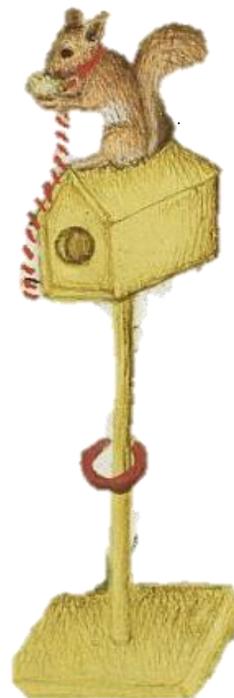
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# The Squirrel Press

## New Wastekeep Sergeants

The Barony of Wastekeep held their annual Sergeantry Trials on August 24 at the Bailie Memorial Youth Ranch in Mesa where a new gallant and a new artisan swore oaths of fealty, and the baronial captain finished her term. Lord Cuthbert Weaver passed the trials as an artisan, focusing on classical guitar and academic research writing, and Baron William also passed, becoming a gallant after demonstrating his prowess with the rapier against several foes on the battlefield.

The day was filled with a potluck lunch, written tests for candidates, musical classes and research presentations, heavy and rapier fighting, along with court and presentations from the sergeants. More recently, there was also a change in the leadership for the Wastekeep Sergeantry as Honorable Lady Kaitlin of Wastekeep stepped down and was replaced by Master Rowland Greene. Likewise, Lieutenant of the Sergeantry, Honorable Lord Arawn MacPhillian was replaced by Lord Snorri Styrrboli.



## Waitsburg Arts & Science Scurries

Twice in early fall, Dame Katherine and Lord Neil graciously opened up their home and yard to host a pair of arts and science scurries at their familiar grounds in Waitsburg. A couple of potlucks brought canton members together along with numerous cars carrying folks over from Wastekeep.

The various arts-focused activities included a few different gentles bringing their own fabric arts projects, but there was also a presentation from Mistress Ciosa on how to make chair covers, and Honorable Lady Mairghread twice gave instruction on scribal painting as she continued preparing beautiful scrolls for upcoming events. She provided an opportunity for some of Wastekeep's newer members to learn more about the intricacies that go into such projects. Honorable Lord Ramon gave lessons on a variety of period board games like Nine Man's Morris and Roman Ric Tac Toe for sergeantry candidates getting ready for their exams, and Lord Neil aided the rapier fighters of the canton by stamping the new sword and dagger with the initials of Akornebir.

Mistress Gudrun even heated up equipment to melt wax and pressed the Wastekeep seal into it for affixing to the scrolls Mairghread was painting. Keep your eyes peeled for more scurries happening soon this fall and winter.

# Three Joint Practices



Late summer and early fall provided several excellent opportunities for the fighters of Akornebir to spar and cross swords with those traveling over from Wastekeep.

A scurry at Dame Katherine's, a surprise Monday visit from Panfilo, Oswald and Eldrick, and a birthday bash for Master Thorkell meant that on more than one occasion this past quarter fighter practice swelled with several carloads of extra guests.



Whether it was Cem wielding a metal fan for an off-hand weapon, Salvador expertly evading killing blows, Master Jack demonstrating years of honed expertise, or Oswald of the North Sea gaining victories while joyfully brandishing his curved saber, local fighters like Cody, James, William, Mike and Cuthbert managed to get in a lot of extra combat. Pioneer Park even got to host a few rounds of five on five battle scenarios which was a much welcome added variety to our usual smaller scale practices. Master Thorkell's birthday in particular may have accidentally revived an old tradition observed by many of handing out birthday lumps, although in case given the difficulty of landing blows against him, perhaps the birthday bruises were shared all around instead.





# UPCOMING CANTON ACTIVITIES AND REGIONAL EVENTS

## CANTON ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Rapier fight practices at Wildwood Park, Walla Walla: Monday, Oct. 14 and Monday Oct. 21 @ 6:00pm.
- ❖ Arts & Science scurries during the later fall and winter months to be announced soon.
- ❖ Canton business meeting will be on Thur. Nov. 7 at 6:30 at Chiquillas restaurant in Walla Walla.
- ❖ Online Zoom Wastekeep business meeting on Thursday, November 14 at 6:30pm.

## REGIONAL EVENTS

- ❖ Octoberfeast: October 19 in Wealdsmere (Spokane, WA)
- ❖ Collegium: October 25 - 27 in Wastekeep (Tri-Cities, WA)
- ❖ Vulcanfeldt Yule Feast: December 7 in Vulcanfeldt (Yakima County, WA)
- ❖ Field of Dreams: December 28 in Four Rivers (Ontario, OR)
- ❖ Twelfth Night Coronation: January 10 - 12 (Portland, OR)

# In service to the Canton: an interview with a gentle

*In each issue of The Jousting Squirrel, we interview a different member from within the boundaries of the Canton of Akornebir, asking them what service means to them and how they've seen it in action.*

**Jousting Squirrel:** *What is your name in the SCA and in mundane life, as well as your hometown, and number of years you've been involved in the SCA?*

**Katrina Boeful:** Katrina Boeful is my SCA name. My mundane name is Charitie. I'm from Dayton, Washington and I have been involved in SCA for two years.

**Jousting Squirrel:** *As an organization with a lot of stuff always happening, what are some of the things you enjoy doing in the SCA, your favorite activities, hobbies or ways to get involved?*

**Katrina Boeful:** My favorite part is taking classes. I love all the different new things I have been able to learn. I took a class on making a recurve bow. The whole process was amazing. I've also taken a class on chain mail. It is most definitely a fun craft to work on.

**Jousting Squirrel:** *What are some of the less visible and less obvious ways that people serve in the SCA?*

**Katrina Boeful:** Spreading the word on events by word of mouth, and inviting friends and family.



# In service to the Canton: an interview with a gentle

**Jousting Squirrel:** *What are some good ways for attendees to be of service at SCA events, and how have you enjoyed helping out in the past?*

**Katrina Boeful:** I have to say set up and tear down. It definitely takes a whole village. Set up and take down for events takes a lot of work. Many people are needed in order to set up some of the tents, making sure everything is up and down in a timely and orderly fashion. I have always found it enjoyable actually. Conversations while putting up and taking down are very nice to have.

**Jousting Squirrel:** *Who has been someone in the SCA who you've seen that demonstrates service in a remarkable way?*

**Katrina Boeful:** Dame Katherine of Wastekeep. She is always willing to help in any way that she can, and she always has a smile on her face.

**Jousting Squirrel:** *As a registered educational non profit, how does the SCA provide service and education to the people of Akornebir, here in the Walla Walla valley?*

**Katrina Boeful:** SCA really opens eyes to the amazing aspects of history, and it is in a great hands on manner that allows for anyone of any age or gender to be able to come in and learn.

**Jousting Squirrel:** *What advice would you give to someone who wants to help out within their canton or barony?*

**Katrina Boeful:** Express the want, find the right people and do it.

**Jousting Squirrel:** *What are some of your favorite memories over the years of SCA in the Walla Walla Valley, as well as beyond the canton limits?*

**Katrina Boeful:** My favorite memories all involve the fun we all have, the conversations, great food around a fire. My daughter enjoys archery and crafts. She also loves learning some of the era appropriate games.

**Jousting Squirrel:** *Thank you Katrina, and we look forward to seeing you at the next event!*



# More Canyon photos



# BOOK REVIEW

## ***Chivalry and Courtesy: Medieval Manners for a Modern World***

by Danièle Cybulskie

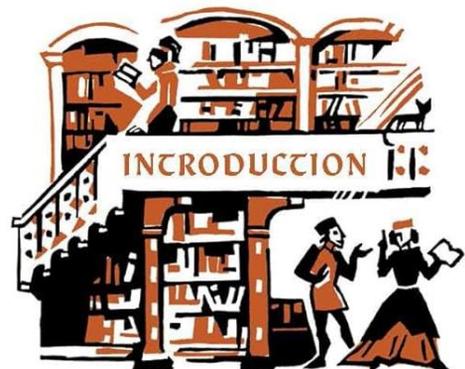
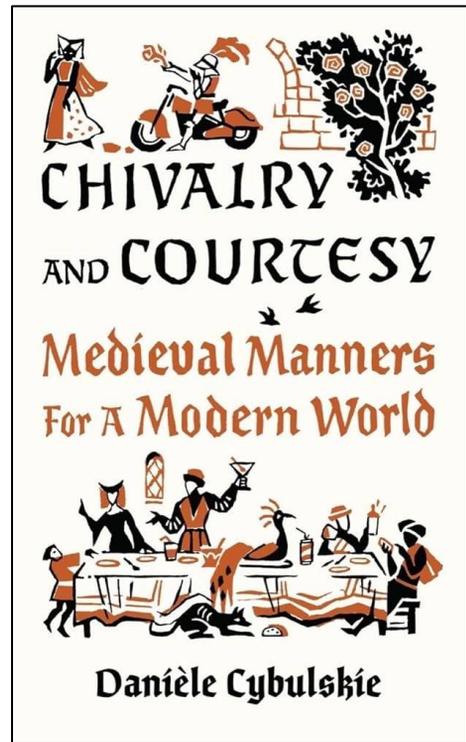
Review written by Cuthbert Weaver

*Chivalry and Courtesy: Medieval Manners for a Modern World* is funny, concise, accessible to all readers, well-researched, and at the same time somehow both shocking and quite charming. The author Danièle Cybulskie hosts an online interview series titled *The Medieval Podcast* and also wrote another book in this series called *How to Live Like a Monk: Medieval Wisdom for a Modern Life*.

Much of the book's historical information comes from an etiquette writer of the era, a sort of Emily Post for the Middle Ages, the twelfth-century Daniel of Beccles. He instructs servants not serve meals if they have lice in their beard, and his witty remarks include things like, "you can have a meal without a table, but not without a table cloth."

Cybulskie includes chapters titled How to Woo and How to Eat, reminding the readers of some of the various faux pas of the era. In the book's chapter on how to rule a kingdom, the reader learns that it would have been very important to "be a good kisser", although a lot of those kisses, she writes, would have been pressing your "lips to a holy object." However, if a medieval kiss were to be more romantic, she said chewing on cloves would have been recommended as a medieval substitute for our dental mouth wash today. Cybulskie ends with a lovely instruction on "How to Succeed in Any Era" writing that "no matter which fork you use, how you dress, how much land you own, or if you've never seen a horse in your life, the only rule that really matters in the end is the golden one: treat others the way you'd wish to be treated, and your life in any era will be a better one."

**Review Score:** ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆



# Canton of Akornebir SCA Business Meeting Minutes - September 5, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting began at 6:40 pm with the following members in attendance: Thorkell, Gudrun, Kaitlin, Sadhbh, Ramon, Cuthbert, Lauren
2. **Acceptance of Minutes:** June minutes were voted on and approved
3. **Officer's Reports**
  - a. **Seneschal** (Thorkell)
    - i. Nothing to Report
  - b. **Chronicler** (Cuthbert)
    - i. Minutes were posted to the website and Facebook page
    - ii. Jousting Squirrel won the William Blackfox Award 2023 for Best Newsletter
  - c. **Exchequer** (Kaitlin)
    - i. \$XXXX.XX balance in the Canton account
    - ii. \$536.29 spent on canton loaner rapier and dagger which still hasn't arrived yet
  - d. **Herald** (Thorkell)
    - i. Thorkell went to the Known World Heraldic event in Pittsburgh this summer
    - ii. Online submissions for heraldry is coming soon
  - e. **Marshall** (Cuthbert)
    - i. Weekly practices still going well with some returning fighters
  - f. **Arts and Sciences** (Gudrun)
    - i. Collegium planning is moving along with events scheduled for all three days
    - ii. Several Arts & Sciences competitions will be at Barons Ball
  - g. **Chatelaine** (Sadhbh)
    - i. We have a new member in the canton
  - h. **Webminister** (Ramon)
    - i. Nothing to report
  - i. **Social Media** (Vacant)
    - i. Couple of interesting posts that admin has had to deal with
4. **Upcoming Events in the Canton**
  - a. Upcoming scurries to be hosted in the canton this fall: September 28 at Kathy's
5. **Upcoming Events in the Barony**
  - b. Baron's Ball October 4 - 6 with their majesties present
  - c. Collegium is October 25 - 27
6. **New Business**
  - a. As You Like It – February 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 with rapier championship included
  - b. Paperwork has been started at the town hall but event steward needed
  - c. German feast idea suggested by Kaitlin
7. **Old Business**
  - a. Marshal has emailed Castille Armory about the status of the rapier and dagger order
8. **Next Meeting:** Moved to Wednesday, October 3 because of people wanting to pack on Thursday
9. **End of Meeting:** Adjourned @ 7.00 pm



# Canton of Akornebir SCA Business Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2024

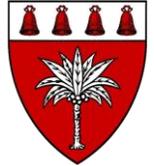
1. **Call to Order:** Meeting began at 6:30 pm with the following members in attendance: Thorkell, Gudrun Ulriksdottir, Kaitlin, Sadhbh, Ramon, Cuthbert, Lauren, Galina, Gudrun & Chris
2. **Acceptance of Minutes:** September minutes were voted on and approved
3. **Officer's Reports**
  - a. **Seneschal** (Thorkell)
    - i. Reports are due by the end of the month
  - b. **Chronicler** (Cuthbert)
    - i. Jousting Squirrel to be published next week featuring an interview with Charitie (Katrina Boeful)
  - c. **Exchequer** (Kaitlin)
    - i. \$XXXX.XX balance in the Canton account
    - ii. Kaitlin requested to change the signers of the USBank account. Thorkell motioned for the following changes: Current signers as of October 1, 2024 need to be: Trent Le Clair (President), Kaitlin Grogan (Vice President), Kathleen Carpenter (Secretary), Phillip McKeen (Member). Catherine Cripps, Jason Parchen, and others who may be on the account need to be removed. Motion seconded by Kathy and passed by voice vote. Kaitlin will work to get paperwork in order to make these changes.
  - d. **Herald** (Thorkell)
    - i. Baron's Ball will feature a heraldry class taught by Cuthbert, and other heralding events
    - ii. Online submissions for heraldry are now live
  - e. **Marshall** (Cuthbert)
    - i. The loaner rapier and dagger arrived and were engraved/initialed by Lord Neil
    - ii. Practices are moving back to Wildwood Park for autumn and winter. Still on Monday's at 6pm
  - f. **Arts and Sciences** (Gudrun)
    - i. Baronial championship and other competitions will be held at Baron's Ball
    - ii. Viking Market at Dragon's Gate Brewery in Milton-Freewater on October 12-13
  - g. **Chatelaine** (Sadhbh)
    - i. Welcome to our new local members Traci (Gudrun) and Chris, in attendance this evening
  - h. **Webminister** (Ramon)
    - i. Nothing to report
  - i. **Social Media** (Vacant)
    - i. Nothing to report
4. **Upcoming Events in the Canton**
  - a. As You Like It will be on Feb 1 stewarded by HL Mairghread, and with a pre-reg feast organized by HL Kaitlin
5. **Upcoming Events in the Barony**
  - b. Baron's Ball is October 4 – 6
  - c. Collegium is October 25 - 27
6. **New Business**
  - a. Honorable Lady Mairghread is hosting a scribal class on November 16 at Mistress Ciosa's house
7. **Old Business**
  - a. Lord Cuthbert and Lauren would like to host a scurry this fall
8. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 7 @ 6:30pm with location TBD
9. **End of Meeting:** Adjourned @ 6.54 pm



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- ❖ Seneschal – Master Thorkell Palsson, OP
- ❖ Exchequer – Honorable Lady Kaitlin
- ❖ Marshal – Lord Cuthbert Weaver
- ❖ Arts & Science – Mistress Gudrun Ulriksdottir, OP
- ❖ Herald – Master Thorkell Palsson, OP
- ❖ Chronicler – Lord Cuthbert Weaver
- ❖ Webminister – Honorable Lord Ramone de Leon
- ❖ Chatelaine – Lady Sadhbh Dhubh



## Baronial officers

- ❖ Baron – Honorable Lord William McKenna
- ❖ Baroness - Honorable Lady Anna McKenna
- ❖ Seneschal – Lord Eldrick von Muth
- ❖ Exchequer – Lady Sadhbh Dhubh
- ❖ Marshal – Lord Oswald of the North Sea
- ❖ Chamberlain – Honorable Lady Kaitlin
- ❖ Arts & Science – Mistress Ciosa, OP
- ❖ Chronicler – Mistress Catriona, OP
- ❖ Herald – Lord Cuthbert Weaver
- ❖ Scribe – Honorable Lady Mairghread



## Kingdom monarchs

- ❖ King of An Tir – Sir Eirik Daegarsson II
- ❖ Queen of An Tir – Lady Brynhildr Ansvarsdottir

