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*"Art, as far as it is able, follows nature, as a pupil  
imitates his master; thus your art must be, as it were,  
God's grandchild." - Inferno (XI, 103-105)*

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## *Words from Their Excellencies*

Onto all who reads these words does Pellandres, dit le frère, send greetings and good wishes!

The gentles of this fair Isle are awesome. I need to say so for I truly believe it. Not only have I seen with my own eyes how everyone worked hard in the weeks prior to Crown but on the day of, everything seemed perfect. Despite what was ordained by weather, everyone was at their post and made sure that our mistress of revels had all she needed. It is the compliments from abroad that I received both from Their Majesties and other visiting dignitaries that I must also relay. All in all, you are an incredible group and I can only add how proud I am to bear your coronet.

That being said, that time is upon us, now. For I have declared to my king and queen that stepping down I must. It has been an unequal five years, I willingly admit, but I have always loved the role this entailed. Many of you got to see both Eliane and Anoriel and they will need their mother and I in the coming years, each for their own reasons. I invite each and anyone that would be curious, even interested in succeeding us to get in touch with us. Hey, we could even have dinner at some point if you think you have so many questions :: smile ::. For the process to run smoothly we have our senechal, Lady Jordan, handling all the reins she can. I trust her implicitly in that and know she will do a fine job of it. Any questions concerning the process itself should be directed to her (but we would enjoy a copy too...).

The summer is now upon us and many will travel abroad. Without going as far as setting up official IDD encampments, I invite you all to be vocal about the events you intend to attend. Not only do you know then who will be there but it helps greatly to find lifts there, to have potential neighbours who can reserve a spot for your tent in advance and share in the food expenses. I can also be a bit disconcerting where to setup when you get to a new site event. As a group, it simplifies matters! On a side note it also allows for those going to mayhap offer to pick up goods (::cough:: rattan :: cough::) that others would have had access to otherwise...

I am uncertain yet which events I will attend myself over the Summer. As we were supposed to spend part of the Summer in the Carpatians, a prospect that was rather clearly opposed by Eliane's doctor, we did not put time aside for event travelling purposes. So no Fridays are available to get to events. Still looking into that with my employers, but outlooks are sadly not positive. Still, GNEW and Baltanes are in the plans, but War is out of the question... Maybe next year? Let's hope!

On this I leave you to read this newsletter of our fair Barony, all my thanks go to our chroniclers, past and present for all the work (cat herding included!) it entails. For this, Vivant to you all!

Pellandres, dit le frere  
IDD

## *Words from the Seneschal*

Greetings to the Barony!

As summer finally approaches, many of you will be preparing for the wonderful events held throughout the East Kingdom. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that these events are run by people just like you, who generously give their time so that the rest of us can relax and enjoy. So as you're packing up to head Elsewhere, please consider volunteering a bit of your time here in the Barony as well. The officers are here to help the Barony run smoothly, but the responsibility of running activities throughout the year does not rest solely on their heads! If you have any ideas at all, for events, workshops, or activities, please let us know. We will be more than happy to help you make it happen! And remember, the key to success is proper planning. Last-minute scrambles, while possible, tend to take the fun out of the process for everyone.

So this summer have fun, play safe, and please consider giving a little something back to the Society that gives us so much. ☺

In service to the Barony,

Lady Jordan Lovatt  
Seneschal

Avec l'été qui finalement s'approche, beaucoup parmi vous sont en train de vous préparer pour les événements fantastiques qui sont offerts partout au Royaume de l'Est. Je voudrais prendre cette opportunité pour vous rappeler que ces événements sont organisés par des gens comme vous, qui donnent de leur temps avec générosité pour que nous puissions nous relaxer et nous amuser. Alors, pendant que vous remplissez vos valises, veuillez SVP considérer d'offrir un peu de votre temps dans la Baronnie aussi. Les officiers sont ici pour s'assurer que la Baronnie fonctionne comme il faut, mais ce n'est pas juste à eux-mêmes de gérer tous les activités tout au long de l'année! Si vous avez une idée, pour un événement, un atelier, ou une activité, SVP laissez-nous savoir. Ça sera un plaisir de vous aider à faire de vos plans une réalité. Et n'oubliez pas que c'est une bonne planification qui va créer un succès. Des choses faites à la dernière minute, tandis que possibles, ont tendance d'enlever le fun du processus pour tout le monde.

Alors cette été, amusez-vous, soyez prudents, et SVP considérez donner une partie de votre temps pour la Société qui nous donne tellement. ☺

En service à la Baronnie,

Dame Jordan Lovatt  
Sénéchale

Greetings!

I have, as of late, taken an interest in the sonnets of Shakespeare. This interest coincides closely and congruently to a calamitous carnivorous canine which carelessly creamed my cohabitants cat companion.

Since then, verse has struck.

I would hardly call myself a cultured poet - most who know my songs know me as one who enjoys simplicity - so learning this style of verse has been a challenge. There are too many chances to fall into a style of wording (much like the king james version of the bible) that sounds good but is meaning "light." And sonnets are meant to be image and meaning rich.

One happy coincidence has been that lately I have started being asked to write scroll texts, something I'm keen to do. It can be a lot of fun, especially if you know who you are writing the text for.

The first such occasion was the sonnet you will find below, which was written for the Baronial Rapier Championship of the Barony this past BIA, when someone had the brilliant idea that there should be a scroll for the champion. Or at least, a text. But alas! Where is the text?

So, I wrote the text. It wasn't that hard, took perhaps an hour. And, knowing what I know about the fencers of the barony, I took the risk of writing the text with an eye towards who I thought stood the best chance to win. Note - the text works for more than one combatant. Also note, there were a few attempts within the text to test our heralds abilities with alliteration, something he pulled off very well despite my best attempts.

And now, I turn this challenge to you, the IDD populous. Write a sonnet. And, if you succeed, publish it in the next Wyrms Words. Otherwise I will be forced to villify in verse your vain vacuous vacant verbiage.

My regards,

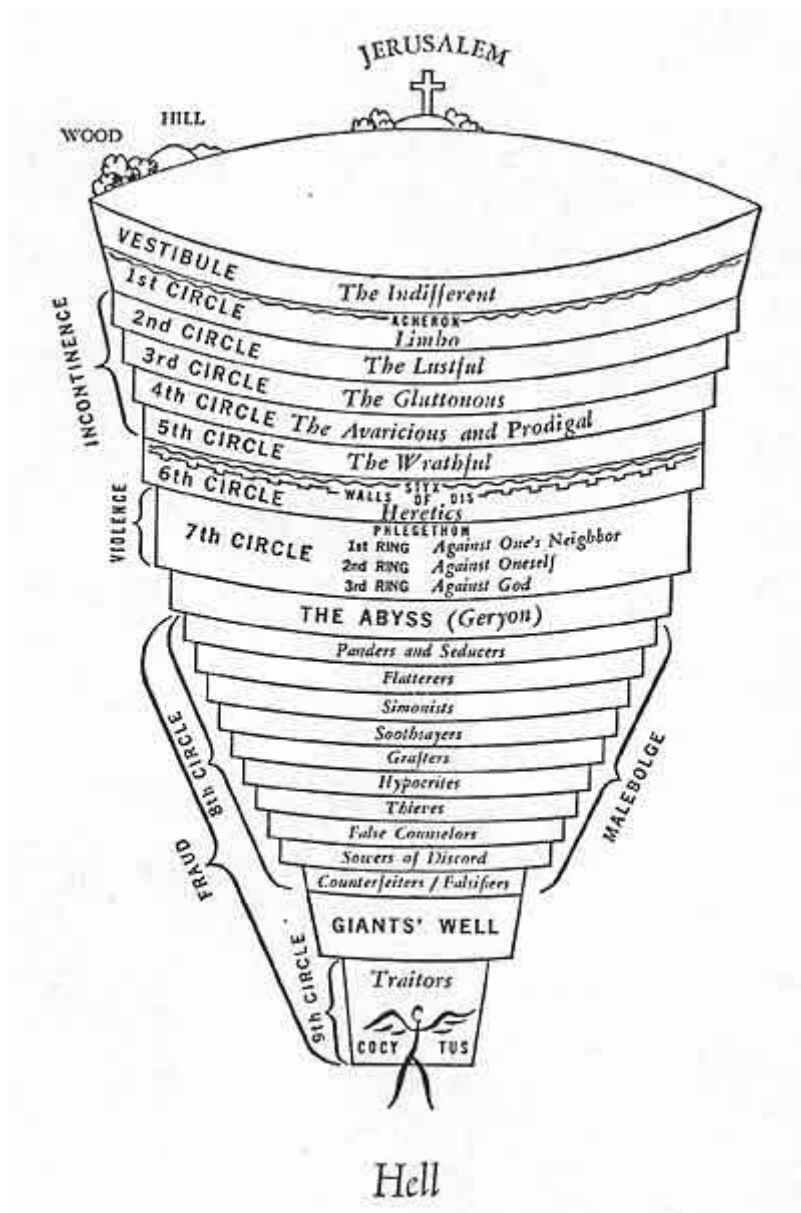
John Radburne

A sudden swiftly screaming sweep of steel  
forsooth shall ne'er annoy this furrowed brow  
a blade with spirit such for goode nor weal  
shall never more come nigh our noble crown

For on this day by word and skillfilled speed  
h(is) rapier so inspired by beauty's truth  
upon our soil with graceful deadly deed  
and wile didst turn aside the speed of youth

This countenance may not so noble bear  
as sweat cascades upon his aged brow  
but yet a baldric purple shall he wear  
an' scribe new arms upon the dragon's prow.

Now rise and fill your long sought after station  
and serve, as long we did, our new born nation.



## *Upcoming Events / Événements prochains*

Northern Region War Camp - July 3-5 (Warrensburg, NY)

Great North-Eastern War (GNEW) - July 9-11 (Hebron, ME)

PENNSIC - July 31 - August 15 (Slippery Rock, PA)

*For a more inclusive list, please refer to the Kingdom websites  
Pour une liste plus inclusive SVP référez-vous aux sites Web des Royaumes.*





## ***Local Martial Practices / Pratiques Martiales locales***

Practices take place weekly. There is a single **\$4.00 weekly** admission fee for fencing and archery, whether you attend one or several nights. Please note there is an additional cost of **\$1.00** if you attend heavy combat practice. Everyone is welcome! Loaner gear may be available for rental on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please contact the Officer in charge for more details.

Nos pratiques ont lieu toutes les semaines. Le droit d'admission est de 4,00 \$ par semaine pour l'escrime et le tir à l'arc, peu importe le nombre de pratiques auxquelles vous assistez. Veuillez noter que des frais supplémentaires de 1,00 \$ s'appliquent si vous assistez à la pratique de combat en armure. Vous êtes tous les bienvenus! Vous pouvez louer de l'équipement, selon le principe du premier arrivé, premier servi. Veuillez communiquer avec l'officier en charge pour plus de détails.



### **Fencing / Escrime**

**Mondays / lundis 7:00pm to 10:00pm**

Église St. Matthias Church

131 Cote St. Antoine, Westmount

Knock hard on the door nearest Metcalfe to be let in. Practice during the summer season is held at Girouard Park (corner of Girouard and Sherbrooke West). Newcomers are strongly encouraged to contact the Captain of Fencers before attending to confirm, as the details of the practice may change on short notice / Frappez à la porte près de Metcalfe pour qu'on vous laisse entrer. Pendant l'été, les pratiques ont lieu au parc Girouard (coin Girouard et Sherbrooke Ouest). Nous vous encourageons fortement à communiquer avec le Capitaine des escrimeurs avant d'y assister, car l'endroit et l'heure de la pratique peuvent changer à tout moment.



### **Archery / Tir à l'arc**

**Tuesdays / mardis 7:00pm to 10:00pm**

Église Wesley United Church, in the basement / dans le sous-sol

5964 Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Blvd., Montreal



### **Heavy Combat / Combat En Armure**

**Tuesdays / mardis 7:30pm to 10:30pm**

Girouard Park / Parc Girouard

Corner of Girouard and Sherbrooke West / Coin Girouard et Sherbrooke Ouest

Newcomers are strongly encouraged to contact the Knight Marshal before attending to confirm, as the details of the practice may change on short notice / Nous vous encourageons fortement à communiquer avec le Chevalier maréchal avant d'y assister, car l'endroit et l'heure de la pratique peuvent changer à tout moment.



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