

The New Dragon Standard

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Greetings from the Chronicler

The Kingdom continues plagued by the dreaded COVID-19 pandemic which has shut down all in person SCA events through at least January 31, 2021. The Kingdom has a plan to resume in stages in person activities. Virtual activities have continued through the use of modern technology enabling us to see and interact with each other yet not be physically present. We continue to hold to the dream and cherish fellow Scadians in these troubling times.

Member Spotlight

Baroness Theodora Doukaina

Known to Shiremates as Theo, Baroness Theodora Doukaina has been a *member of Drakenmere since* 2004. Over the years, Theo has held nearly all the positions in the shire. Most recently, she has been serving as our chronicler. Doing more than just taking the minutes, she has dedicated her time to bringing the "New Dragon Standard" back to its former glory.

Theo has many interests in the SCA, but can usually be found cooking, crocheting, hand sewing, or playing her recorder. She was feastcrat at my very first Summer Collegia, and I can report that the food was amazing, varied, and plentiful! She

uses her cooking skills for nearly all of our travelers' fare at our events and always

brings something tasty (well, many tasty somethings) for any of our shire meet-ups.

She has hand sewn her own garb as well as teacher bags for many of our events (I call them "Bags by Theo" and I have a few of my own).

Theo is not afraid to take on a new skill. She has learned to play the recorder and has been a part of The Electric Normans since its formation several years ago. Theo is a friendly, approachable, and caring person. She is a wealth of SCA and Shire knowledge and is always ready, willing and able to help when needed. She is part of the glue that holds the shire together and it is very easy to see how she recently was bestowed with the title of Baroness. Thank you for your service Baroness Theodora!

Submitted by: Lady Genevieve of Drakenmere



Arts & Sciences

Electric Normans Music Practices:

The Normans have been using the Zoom online format for their practices. While not the same as in person, the practices have been going well and helping to keep the dream alive. The photo shows a performance of two of the Normans—Merewen fitz Alan and Theodora Doukaina—at Gulf Wars, 2018.



Melee Hunt: Foxes 2020: Plague Con Scavenger Hunt

On Saturday, August 22, Barnoness Theodora, Lord William, Lord Michael, Lady Genevieve and Lord Thorsteinn teamed up remotely to participate as Team Ferrovax in the scavenger hunt hosted by the Shire of Vulpine Reach.

They logged in to the zoom group and received instructions via Facebook messenger. Genevieve was team captain and relayed the items to search for as they were

released. There were 5 timed rounds of hunting for a total of 500 points. Rounds ranged from 5-30 minutes with 10-24 SCA related items to be found, photographed, and texted in as complete. Each team was allowed 3 assists: phone a friend, google search or draw a picture.

The teams and points were: Big Mack 400, Thunder Minions 334, Scavengers 320, and Ferrovax 253. Ferrovax did not win, but had a great time playing. They had most of the items which were typical SCA standards (feast plate, mug, period herb, awards, etc.), but some were very hard to have in anyone's hoard (example: a kiln, knights or squires chain or belt?!). Most notable items were: Theo (period needle, spindle, wool roving, and period chair), William (painted horn used for many requirements), Michael (period utensil- of course - wooden spoon and Viking shoes used for many requirements), Genevieve (recent wooden doll project used for many requirements and an empty mead bottle luckily saved for decoration), and Thorsteinn (entire fighter kit and quill pen used for many requirements). Ferrovax was happy to support and be part of this event.

Submitted by: Lady Genevieve of Drakenmere

Scribal Challenge:

Tourney of the Foxes

post by Avelyn Dale

First is Marina's, the cute dragon is Freybjorn's. The bottom three are mine.



The Awards are as follows:

Lord Freybjorn - Gold work w/no documentation

Lady Avelyn - Celestial Bodies and Derpy Hooves

Marina de Molina - Thank You, Because I Liked It, Celestial Bodies, and Populace choice

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