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AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SENESCHAL

(The Rusted Post caught up with our new Seneschal by phone one night last week. Despite the obvious head cold, and the fact that Fionna is so close to giving birth to their first child, he was not against sharing some views with us. We dithered about how to indicate who the questioner was, and in the long run took the safe root. NL)

NL: Well, as promised, here's the phone call. You ready to answer a few questions?

LI: *(Sneeze)* Don't print that as an answer. Yes, I had started to write an article for you but it isn't finished. Why don't you ask the questions

NL: Fine with me. Lets start with the standard. What first got you interested in the SCA?

LI: *I've always been interested in anything Medieval. For a long time it was just history and the Ren. Faires. When we were first introduced to the Society by Tiphaine I was immediately attracted by the concept and by the people involved.*

NL: Having never been to any of the Ren. Faires myself, (gasp, do I dare admit that...), what do you find is the biggest difference between them and the Society?

LI: *The Society is more closely related to the period. Ren. Faires, although great entertainment, are after all, commercial operations. The SCA, on the other hand, is filled with people with an honest personal interest in preserving the best of the periods we study.*

NL: You indicated at our last meeting that you
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NOTICES FOR THE POPULACE...

Barony Meeting - May 5th - Plays & Players Theater, 1714 Delancey St., 7:30 PM.

Pennsic Planning Committee Meeting - May 12th
At the Baroness', 3606 Livingston St., 8:00 PM.

Crown Tournament - May 1st - Thescorre (NY). Bishop Kearney High School, 125 Kings Highway South, Rochester, N.Y. See Pikestaff for details.

War of the Roses - Memorial Day Weekend. King and Queens Rattan Champions Touney. Indian Lookout Country Club, Mariaville, NY. This is a camping event and major war practice. It has permanent bathrooms and showers. Includes the Battle of

Bosworth and a woods battle. See Pikestaff for further details.

NEXT MEETING

APR 28th 7:30

FIONNA & LAWRENCE'S
4819 FLORENCE AVE
(OFF OF BALTIMORE AVE)
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BARONY MEETING

May 5, 1993, 7:30 PM

Plays & Players Theater

3rd Floor Club Rooms

1714 Delancey St.,

MIDSUMMER REVEL!

June 5th, Fund Raiser For Pennsic War

A Royal Progress Event

See Pikestaff For Details

EDITORIAL

OPEN MOUTH, INSERT FOOT...

At least, that's what writing an editorial always starts out to be. Many catchy titles came to mind, but all of them seemed trite, or worse yet, very cliché. The alternative that almost made it into bold print was, "We're Right Back To Where We Started."

Instead, I'm going to say some very positive things about what's been going on lately. Let's start with our new Seneschal.

First, and maybe most important, it is obvious from the interview that Lawrence has a very clear idea of what the problems are facing us as a group. He is concerned about attendance, but offers not quick fixes, but understanding of people's circumstances. What he offers personally is to work, and help the organization grow, as long as he gets what ever help people can honestly give the organization.

Second, we have a regular meeting space, right in the center of our traditional territory, which is easily accessible to public transit and which offers ample on street parking.

There is this newsletter, which often can be late, but at least tries to be a bit more informative, and at times, controversial. The emphasis of the Rusted Post is on news, both good and bad. There is an ongoing effort to improve its quality. Unfortunately for many of you, this will be your last issue.

While we would like to offer more activities as a group, our people resources, and area's of expertise, are somewhat limited. So instead, we would like to help you get involved in the mainstream of the Barony's activities. There is a growing understanding that the Baileywicke must be part of the of the Barony, not a separate entity. (That for Bhakail in general is a good tendency.)

So, on behalf of the 10% Lawrence must rely on, we offer an invitation to the other 90%. Give us a little of your time, and a lot of your ideas, and see what grows.

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"INTERVIEW"

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thought attendance was declining in all small organizations. Can you expand on that? What do you think is the major cause?

LI: You mean besides economics? Which is an obvious factor. Most non profit organizations rely on members for support, both financial and physical. As people must contend with real world problems of greater complexity, such as the economy, they are increasingly less able to "get involved." Most organizations are actively supported by 10% or less of their members. Iveyinrust is no different in that respect.

NL: And what does that mean for the Baileywicke?

LI: This means, in my opinion, that we have come down to that ten percent. People don't realize how much fun they can have by only contributing a small amount of time. Even an hour a week can be a tremendous contribution. You don't have to put your money into it, just put yourself into it. If the world is getting you down, now is the time to get involved with something like Iveyinrust.

NL: You became Seneschal during an unsettled period in the Baileywicke's history. What's your number one priority?

LI: I'd like to see the group grow. I'd like see more people participate. Let's face it, the more people there are doing there bit the easier it will be for the 10% core to do the major tasks to keep the group going. What I'd like to see is for Iveyinrust to get the reputation of "If you want to have fun, play with them."

THE EARLY KINGS OF ENGLAND

PART II

FROM ETHELRED TO EDMUND IRONSIDES

By Fionna

Ethelred was the next on the throne. He was called Ethelred the Unready. This was a play on his name, Ethelred meaning noble council and unready or unraed meaning no council. This was because he

refused to accept council about the Danes. He had two bad omens, one at his baptism and the other at the start of his reign. When Ethelred was baptized by St. Dunstan, he relieved himself in the baptismal font. The second was when, at the start of his reign, he helped murder his step-brother. It was predicted by St. Dunstan, a great slaughter of Englishmen would occur. A short time later the Danes invaded again, but this time Ethelred paid them off. In 1002 he made another mistake, he ordered all Danish men living in England to be killed. Unfortunately, some of the men got a little over zealous and killed the sister of Sweyn, the Danish King. Sweyn and his son, Cnut (Canute), came over in 1013 and a little later, Ethelred retreated to France where his wife and sons already were. A year later, Sweyn died and Cnut left for home only to return in 1015. Ethelred the Unready died on April 16, 1016.

Edmund was the third son of Ethelred, the first two having died before their father. He was called Edmund Ironside for his courage. He and Cnut had a major battle at Ashington (Essex). Edmund was defeated in that battle. He and Cnut divided the kingdom with Cnut taking the north and Edmund the south. A noble, Edric Streona was constantly trying to dethrone Edmund. One story about the King's death is that a son of Edric concealed himself in the call of nature pit. When the King went to relieve himself, the son stabbed him twice in the bowels and left the Knife in the King. This was shortly after the agreement with Cnut. Edric then presented himself to Cnut and told his story. Cnut then told Edric that he would be exalted for it and at the same time ordered him to be beheaded and his head placed on the highest battlement on a pole. thus ends the brief one year reign of Edmund Ironsides and the greedy plans of one man.

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