Thunder's Quill

Fall 2026

A quarterly newsletter from the
Barony of Donnershafen

Report on Vikings Come Home XXXIV:

Vikings had nearly 300 participants this year! In addition to merchants, A&S classes, martial activities, and more, there was also a baronial investiture, a knighting ceremony, and even a wedding! Thank you as always to the volunteers for all your hard work - the Spammoth has been successfully slain once again!

Vikings Come Home Riddles:

As directed by Baroness Matylda, the Chronicler wrote a series of riddles that one could solve during VCH in order to find various locations and receive a bead at each one. Here they are in case you did not get a chance to see them during the event - can you solve each one? (See the end for the answers!)

1.

Once more unto the breach, dear friends!
You find yourself upon a quest
Unto the field where battle's held
To find which fighter is the best.
To count the weapons that exist
Would take some time - I'll write a list.

2.

But melee is a dangerous game -
Perhaps 'tis better to take aim
From safer distance, there would stand
A woodsman, or the hooded man
Who once defied the hangman's noose.
"Twas never 'fire,' but only 'loose'!"

3.

This place is better made for play
Upon a sultry summer's day,
Where one can walk, or rest, or dive,
And where one's energy might revive.
(Unless you be that one strange knight
Who viewed all sand a cursèd blight!)

4.

A place to speak, and to be heard,
To call attention with a word,
To give awards, announcements, oaths,
A place to wear your finest clothes.
Sometimes a place for theater it be,
Yet now a different type shall see.

5.

What better place to find a bead
Than one that sells such finery?
An animal with stripèd head
Yet somehow made of wood instead.
This large beast does not roar or break
But delicate adornments makes.

6.

Oh when the battle shall be done
(And whether it be lost or won)
No matter - here's the place to be,
And drown thyself in revelry.
Come gentles all, or lords or knights,
Be of good cheer - it comes in pints!

7.

If from the fight you seek repose
Then come inside, where there are those
Who knowledge seek, and from the mind
Of learnèd teachers knowledge find.
Come take a seat - you'll not be bored
(perhaps the pen might beat the sword!)

8.

Thy final task is now to find
The gentle lady, from whose mind
This quest began, and now shall end -
Once who was gone, now back again,
And Donnershafen now to lead -
Go forth! And find thy final bead.

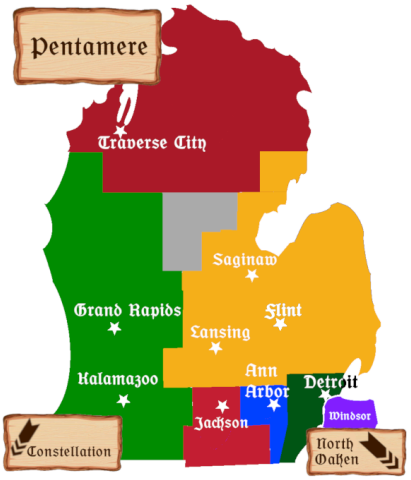
(**Answers: 1**: the heavy melee list, **2**: the archery/thrown weapons area, **3**: the beach, **4**: the amphitheater/court, **5**: "Large Wooden Badger" jewelry merchant, **6**: the Battle Field Brewery, **7**: By the A&S area, **8**: find Baroness Matylda herself)

A Note from your new Chronicler:

Greetings, good folk! I am humbly excited to be assuming the role of Chronicler of Donnershafen, with the welcome assistance of my deputy, Baroness Meabh ingen Carthaig. I am still new to the area and the SCA, but I had wanted to join for years and am so glad to finally be a part of the Society. I hope I can make newsletters that are useful to you all, and that can be a place to show off all the amazing things the Donnershafen members get up to. See you around the Barony!

-Robin of Donnershafen

Upcoming Activities:



Demo at St. Ambrose Renaissance Faire

October 10th

Smiths, Bakers, Weavers, and Wrights

October 9-11th, Kensington Metropark

Donnershafen Days

Starting second Sunday in November, 12-4pm, Kalkaska

Business meeting

3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm on Zoom

(Next meeting October 21st)

P.U.B. Night (Projects, yoU, and Beverage of choice)

Planned online zoom event, keep an eye out for announcements

To find events throughout the kingdom, visit the kingdom calendar at https://midrealm.org/events-calendar/.

Baronial Officers:

Baron and Baronessa: Agathor of Donnershafen and Matylda Filiczkowska

***Seneschal**: Lady Kate (Swanhild) Deputy: Forester Wulfric Shadow Stryder

***Exchequer**: THL Thorny Bodvarskona Deputy: Baroness Meabh ingen Carthaig

***Chatelaine**: Forester Wulfric Shadow Stryder

***Herald**: *(Volunteer needed)*

***Webminister**: Baroness Meabh ingen Carthaig

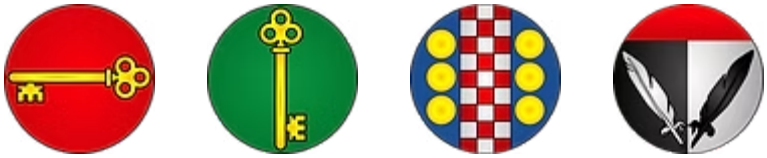
***Chronicler**: Robin of Donnershafen Deputy: Baroness Meabh ingen Carthaig

***Minister of Arts & Sciences (MOAS)**: Baronessa Matylda Filiczkowska

***Knight's Marshal**: Baron Kjell Smidr

Social Media Officer: Baroness Isabel Taylor

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All of the officers are looking for deputies to learn their positions. If you are interested, please reach out to the officer and let them know.



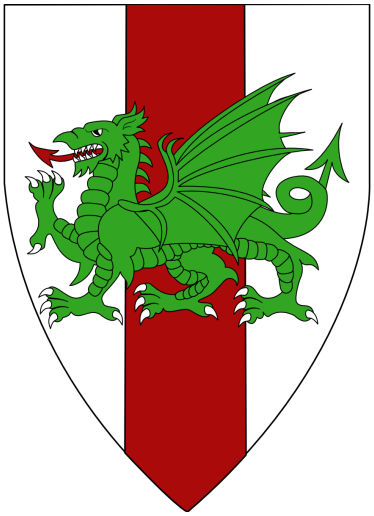
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Social Media:

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<Barony of Donnershafen - Middle Kingdom of the SCA> This is our Facebook PAGE. The information collected here is similar to what's on the webpage with more frequent updates about our events, business meetings, online P.U.B. Nights and Donnershafen Days. This is managed by our Social Media Officer.

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