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From the Baron & Baroness

Greeting unto the Gentles of Blackstone Mountain,

Well, fall is here and we have all survived and hopefully recuperated from Pennsic. We hope you all had a good time. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped make this a good War for us. Thanks to Lady Catherine who made sure we got where we were supposed to be when we were supposed to be there and kept us sane. Thanks to Boo, who (bad pun) gave the Baroness a pretty hairdo for Aethelmearc Court and assisted our cousin the Baroness of Endless Hills during opening ceremonies. Thanks to Lady Catherine and Ben for setting up for court; Lady Catherine, Boo, Ranveig, Odette, and Asynia who retained for us at court and to Kire and James for tearing down after court.

Although the weather was uncooperative, Blackstone on Bourbon Street was once again a hit. Thanks to everyone who helped in this event.

We would also like to thank House Silver Talon for a lovely dinner and for taking the field at Pennsic as part of the Barony's fighting force. We were proud to fight along side them.

Wicker Man is fast approaching and we would like to request again that everyone consider the gentles around you and write a recommendation for anyone you feel is deserving of a baronial award.

Again, thanks to you all.

In service to the Dream,
Tomas and Rowan

From the Officers

From the Chronicler

Hello one and all,

Dead line for submission in the up coming Banner (Jan-Mar 2005) issue is set for December 28th, 2004, so if you would like to submit art work, an article, or what have you I will need a hard copy or an electronic version by that time.

On another note...my term of office is up this May, I am looking to train someone to take over for me. While I am yet unsure as to whether or not I will run again for this office I will be in need of a new deputy because my current deputy would be unable to take over the office due to interests in a different position. Interested individuals need to talk to me. I will state now that good computer skills and knowledge of publication software are key to making the job manageable...it is a very time consuming office otherwise.

We have a lot going on in the Barony at this time, Wickerman in just a few weeks (I think 2 at this point) and the Ladies' Sewing Retreat coming up and Blackstone Raid XIV just around the corner, so I hope everyone is able to join in the hard work and fun that this great Barony is so very capable of.

Enjoy the Fall season!

In Service to the Barony and the Dream,
Lady Odette d'Arques

From the Knight Marshal

Greetings! I hope that this report finds everyone in good favor as the holiday season rolls around.

First off let me say thank you to all of the people who have helped out at Blackstone Raids this year. Special thanks go out to Steve Kimble and Ivan Derek Hanson.

I also have the privilege of introducing my new deputy marshal Ivan Derekson (you may know him as Ogre). Ivan will be running some of the Charleston area practices now and then.

Also, if any marshals in the area are running practices, please let me know so that we can add your practice times and dates to the web site. I also ask that the marshals collect waivers from their practices at least once a month and to be sure that you have a waiver for each participant at your practices.

Thank you all very much.

Lord Willem MacLear

Wicker Man Festival

Episode 1 - The Phantom Fire

Barony of Blackstone Mountain

October 23rd 2004

Please note---directions have been updated

As the fall growing season comes to a close, come join us, the Barony of Blackstone Mountain, in our celebration of the Wicker Man Festival: a celebration of the coming darkness of winter. So come all ye Bards, Fighters, Fencers, Archers, Throwers of weapons, crafters (A&S), and Sellers of stuff, and those who enjoy watching. There will be a Tournament of Knowledge for the fighters and a Bardic celebration which will prove interesting to watch as well. And don't think we have forgotten about food...a roasted piggy at feast to feed all the hungry gentles. All will come to glorious fruition with the launching of wishes and dreams in the redemption fires of the Wicker Man.

The Tournament of Knowledge -

Come all fighters and prove that not only can you swing your sword but that you can also use your head. The format for the tourney is a double elimination.

The Tournament of Knowledge rules for entry

- All plastic armor must be covered (wear a tabard!).
- All shields must be painted with a device; something heraldic no blank solid colored shields.
- All obviously modern items must be concealed (shoes and glasses excluded)
- Fighters must be able to name 3 PERIOD knights and provide documentation as well as be able to tell a story of at least one of the knights they name and why they chose that knight. The following knights CAN NOT be used to gain entrance:

William Wallace

Robert the Bruce

Any Arthurian Knights

Any Current/Modern Day Knights

Use of any knight from film is discouraged (the point is to do some research here)

A Bardic competition will be held following feast with two categories to choose from, those being best story and best song. The winner in each category will receive a prize and then we will set the Wicker Man aflame!

The Event will be held at the easy to find Jackson County Fair Grounds on County Farm Road outside Ripley, WV on Saturday October 23rd, 2004. It is a Dry Site. Site opens at 9am and closes at 12am. Please join us in celebrating the Burning of the Wicker Man.

Site Fee: Adults-\$6, Children over 6-\$4, Children 5 and under-Free

Feast: \$10 Limited to 50 (so pre-reg is encouraged)

Non Member Surcharge of \$3 will be collected at troll

Deadline for pre-reg is October 10th.

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Directions:

If coming from the North --- I-77 South to exit 138, turn left then turn right on to Highway 62 (was 33) west and go 7 miles to County Farm Road which is the entrance to the fair grounds.

If coming from the South --- I-77 North to exit 138, turn left on to Highway 62 (was 33) west and go 7 miles to County Farm Road which is the entrance to the fair grounds.

If coming from I-79 North --- Get on I-79 towards Fairmont to exit 119 turn right onto US-50 towards Clarksburg. Take Ramp onto I-77 South [SR-2] towards I-77 / WV-2 /Charleston. I-77 South to exit 138, turn left then turn right onto Highway 62 west and go 7 miles to County Farm Road which is the entrance to the fair grounds.

2nd Annual Ladies Sewing Retreat

Barony of Blackstone Mountain

November 12-14, 2004

Greetings:

A 2nd Annual Sewing Retreat for Ladies is planned for November 12, through November 14.

This is not a work party to make stuff for the Barony but time set aside so that we can do some serious garb making for ourselves and our loved ones. Hopefully with less interruptions than we have at home. Of course if you so desire you may make stuff for the Barony. The Baroness has said that the Barony can use regalia and gold key garb. There has been a request for new banners.

The place is Camp Virgil Tate, Ross Bonar Cottage. (Also known as the Royalty Building during Blackstone Raid). Plan on arriving after 6pm Friday night. We have to leave around noon Sunday after we clean up. Bring your sewing machine or machines, your projects you want to

work on, sewing notions, and the desire to get things done. Please also bring anything you want to drink and any snacks you want to eat for the weekend. It is okay to bring stuff to share as well.

We will be sleeping there so bring your favorite blanket and pillow. Towels, soap, and shampoo are provided, however the towels are small and it is suggested to bring an extra one. All meals except breakfast will be catered.(We want to sew, not cook, right?) The planned menu is: Pizza Friday night, Chili Saturday lunch and Baked Steak, green beans, mashed potatoes from Top Spot Saturday night We are asking that everyone bring a breakfast item to share with the group. Because last year we had so much food we want to coordinate that, so let the Autocrat know what you are bringing. There will be a sign up sheet at the Barony meetings prior to the event and you can always call or email what you are going to bring. Plates, cups, cutlery and ice will be provided. The cost for this event is \$40.00. We have a limited amount of spaces (34) so it would be a very good idea to make a reservation. We have to know by November 9th how many to plan on for the catering so that will be the cut off date.

All women are welcome, sorry guys we love you but we don't need the distractions. For the same reason children are strongly discouraged.

Send reservations to:

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Yours in Service to the Dream,
Lady Gwyneth (your autocrat)

Event Calendar

October

1st-3rd	Harvest Raid (Heronter - Bemus Point, NY)
8th-10th	Pumpkin Fest Demo (Riversedge - Conneaut Lake, PA)
8th-10th	Crown Tourney (Delftwood - Weedsport, NY)
23rd	Wicker Man Festival (Blackstone Mountain - Ripley, WV)
23rd	Hunter's Moon (Hartstone - Dansville, NY)
23rd	St. Aetheldreda (Audrey) Fair (Courtlandtslot - Cortland, NY)
30th	Ghostbuster's Picnic & Thrown Weapons Challenge (Hornwood)

November

6th	Fall Aecademy (St Swithins Bog / Gael Moor - Greensburg PA)
12th-14th	2nd Annual Ladies Sewing Retreat (Blackstone Mountain - Charelston, WV)
13th	Cook's Collegium (Debatable Lands - Pittsburgh, PA)
13th	Sterlynge Schola (Sterlynge Vayle - Binghamton, NY)
19th-21st	Fabric, Fiber, & Fighting II (Nithgaard)
19th-21st	Winterfinding (Port Oasis)
20th	Myrkfaelinn Fall Event

December

11th Baronial Investiture (Rhydderich Hael)

January

8th Kingdom 12th Night (Sylvan Glen - Martinsburg, WV)

22nd Baronial 12th Night (St. Swithins Bog)