

## Winter Althyng Minutes

January 26, 2008

### Calendar of Events

- 2/20/08 - Feast of the Goddess of Whoopass – Herald Harper Community Center  
Crownsville, MD – Held by Greycloake and Ardwinna  
Classes will be held before feast. Details available on Web.  
Teachers and Merchants receive discount on feast.
- 2/8/08-02/9/08 - Wicked Winter Ren Faire – Edison, NJ  
Circle is having a fighting demo on Saturday noon and 4:30  
Detail of Faire on Web. \$15 pre-reg, \$20 at door
- 3/14/08-3/15/08 – Military Through the Ages – Maryland Group – Jamestown, VA  
Public event. If going contact Maryland or someone else to let them know.  
[Hostpallerknights@hotmail.com](mailto:Hostpallerknights@hotmail.com)
- 3/8/08 – Feast of St. Ameliani – Order of the Lost Boys  
Details TBA
- 3/28/08 – 3/30/08 – Death and Taxes War – Blackbird State Forest, DE  
Head Clan, \$5 site fee, Spear Tourney, Cloth town setup  
Official
- 3/-/08 - Feast of Lethargy – Companions of the Cross  
Details TBA
- 4/19/08 – Feast of the King's Tax – Scarlet Cross – Rutgers University  
Several Tournays, Bar Brawl, Fighting ends at 3pm,  
Bardic Competition – Sing for your Supper  
Price TBA
- 4/19/08 – Marching Through Time – Marietta Mansion
- 5/3/08-5/4/08 – Celtic Fire – TBA
- 5/17/08-5/18/08 West Windsor Ren Faire – Mercer County Park  
No fee, Site opens at noon on Friday, two day public faire  
Hosted by Circle, contact Ed Keller (Fox)
- 6/20/08-6/22/08 – War of the 7 Headed Dragon – Clan Clonakilty – Wading Pines  
Campground, Possibly moonlight fighting, \$5/day - \$10/weekend
- 6/8/08-6/9/08 Ball and Chain War – Head Clan – Blackbird State Forest

\$5 site fee, war to celebrate Alvin and Clare's handfasting  
Official

8/30/08-9/1/08 Living History Event – OCC  
Details TBA, contact OCC website – <http://thecrimsoncoast.tripod.com/>,  
[orderofthecrimsoncoast@yahoo.com](mailto:orderofthecrimsoncoast@yahoo.com)

### Old Business

#### Rule Changes – Per Agenda

1. Voted no on changing arrowhead padding from 1” to 1 ¼”
2. Voted no specifying type of arrowhead foam to Armorflex or Rubatex
3. Tabled – to be tested by Shire Reeve
4. Voted yes on rigid breast protection be changed from recommended to “strongly recommended” for female heavies
5. Voted yes on elbow pads and knee pads being changed from recommended to “strongly recommended”
6. Voted no on the \$5.00 day fee for frat combat, with the option of day fee insurance.

3/1/08 – Special Council for Frat Rule Consideration – Bear Library – 1pm-5pm  
Rules have been deemed unacceptably ambiguous  
Address is 101 Governors place, Bear, DE (directions can be found using  
Mapquest)  
Current rules are listed on Web. This is to re-examine all frat rules.

### New Business

New group – Order of the Crimson Coast (OCC) Almost unanimous vote to accept them  
as official group – <http://thecrimsoncoast.tripod.com>

Webpage redesign – Thanks to Serban for help in designing

- overall comments are nice looking, easier to use, updates should be able to be made by members other than webmaster soon, most documents are not alter but converted to pdf format, costs reduced 400%, space increased 600%, faster picture posts, adding tutorials of features, will have news feed at bottom of page [news@markland.org](mailto:news@markland.org) if you would like to assist, official groups can have website through Markland.org or create a link to personal sites, would like to create a purchase email program through Markland.org for members, possibility of guild sites, Manual for successor is already created, lot of information that was previously unavailable on site not available, possibility of archiving old plagues and poxes on site

Bailiff question – Update list of membership rates on web

Report from Plague Editor – Please submit articles, photos, or any other media for plague

New publication for children has been created

Bailiff is working on mailing plague after created by Plague Editor so the most current member list is always available and used

### Officer Reports

Webmaster - Very few pages on boards are locked, all that is required is to sign up  
Warnings have been handed out for offensive postings, Many moderators for unbiased censoring, 5 warnings equals banning from boards for approx 90 days, anyone can report an offensive thread

- request for a “Debate Guild” where members can have heated discussions without the public being able to see it.

Bocman – We have insurance, if anyone needs a certificate of insurance for an event please contact the Bocman at [bocman@markland.org](mailto:bocman@markland.org)

In the future, a request has been made that, when rule changes are published they be fitted into the existing rule for context, as well as publishing the current rule for comparison

Bailiff – Thanks for lowering cost of website (LOL) joke, working on funds report, should be available in spring

Shire Reeve – Discussion boards are not focusing on issues brought up about frat, not staying on topic, if there are issues they should be brought up to individuals and not generalized to a group

Aeldorman – Motion to adjourn

Attending groups – Order of the Lost Boys, Head Clan, Pirates of the Lost Cause, Order of the Crimson Coast, Circle, Scarlet Cross, Rivenwood, Clan Clonakilty, Companions of the Cross, Band of the Hawk, Galatia, House Von Draken, College of Maryland