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Lastly, this publication is meant for the enjoyment of all; share it amongst yourselves and your friends. At the end of the day, if I've made someone smile, I've done my job.

-Piers Lakewood (Kevin Miller)

## Welcome!



(The humble Editor and his much better half!)

Greetings, dear friends and readers, to this, the third issue of of the Banner. At this time of my writing, Spring is finally in the air, though it brings with it a chill wind, a reminder that Winter is not too far gone.

Speaking of which, with the bitter cold of winter settled over us for many a month, not much happens in the North in the way of events and tourneys, so this issue shall be briefer than the past two.

That is not say that I have nothing to report about, though. Our medieval club got involved in Olympic Fever, and we hosted a practice for some out of town guests that happened to coincide with a certain Gold Medal game. As well as this, our regular columnist, Wlfryd of Leeds, brings us an article on persona development.

As ever, if you wish to include something of interest in this, our newsletter, please contact me at:

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-Piers Lakewood, Editor

## Olympic Fever!

January 30, 2010 brought the Olympic torch to the small town of Burns Lake, BC, Canada. And with it came an opportunity for the Burns Lake Medieval Club to do its thing for the crowds!



(Lady Serena and myself manning our club "booth")

The crew arrived early on the "Day of the Torch" to get our equipment and display set up. We were guided to an open site by one of the site coordinators, and found ourselves placed right by the main information and souvenir table, a handy location that gave us a steady stream of traffic by our tables.



(the heavies take a break between demo battles)

Most of the morning was spent chatting with curious passersby, getting our photos taken with both children

and adults, and answering questions about our club and the activities we do in it.. A few people were interested enough to find out about our practice times, what was required to join ("An interest in things medieval" was our usual response) and where could they find the fascinating clothing?



(much more fun than a snowball fight! -photo by Lady Serena)

The rest of the day went as well as the morning. The weather was cold but windless, and although the skies threatened snow, none was forthcoming while we entertained. Our club did two demonstrations during the day, one each of Heavy Fighting and Rapier. Both displays were well received (the children especially loved the noise of the heavies) by the crowds.

Finally, shortly after noon, the announcement was made that the torch had arrived on site. Our lads quickly lined up on either side of the torch run and helped to usher it into the site. Afterward, our heavy fighters were approached by some of the VANOC officials, who posed with them for photographs, and two of our members, Lady Serena and Lord Madyn, videotaped an Olympic message to be seen during the Olympics itself!

Finally, it became time to pack up and leave. We said goodbye to our wonderful out of town guests, Lady Medb and Lord Bart, who came from parts farther North to help us put on a show. Thanks again, folks!



(In between battles, chatting up the locals. -photo by Lady Serena)

All in all, we felt it was a good opportunity for the Burns Lake Medieval Club to show our town what we were all about; after all, you really couldn't get any greater exposure!

## **Gold Medal Practice**

In keeping with the Olympic theme, the BLMC held a combined Heavy/Rapier practice on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February... which just happened to be during the Gold Medal Hockey game between Canada and the USA. Assurances were made to all those involved that yes, there would definitely be a television made available to make sure no one missed the game.



(The two sides gather for the initial face-off!)

The masses thus kept amused and happy, we were ready to proceed with our workout. Once again we had spread the word to our out of town colleagues, and a few braved the weather to make their way to Burns Lake.

A brisk pace was set by both sides during the practice (giving all time to check the score between drills), before we broke into pairings to duel.

as the game went into overtime. Many "ooohs" and "ahhhs" were heard as the teams traded chances, and finally a joyous noise was heard when the puck slid into the USA net, and Canada had won! After the game, the populace cleaned up and packed their gear away for the next time. Finally, the group made its way from the local practice site to the local eatery for good food, good drink and great company.



(HL Liam and Lord Piers working on parries...)

## **Who's Your Pope?**

-by Wlfryd of Leedes

For those of you interested in persona development "Who is the Pope?" is a question that most people in mundane life can answer without hesitation. In persona this is a question we should be able to answer as well. If you want to know who your pope is, in period, check out the following website:

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12272b.htm>

There are also biographies of the popes listed throughout the medieval period.



(Lord Madyn and Kurgan the Mad duel to the pain!)

Now having stated all of this I would like to digress into the purpose of my article. Some in the SCA have chosen a time period and can calculate when they were born and tell us about where they came from in relation to history. I have chosen to take that one step further, my persona story continues to evolve, as I age mundanely, I also age in persona. I have now reached the extremely old age of 53 in persona and the year for me is now 1359. If you have been to the pope web page you will know that Innocent VI is my Pope, but what you may not know is that Wlfryd recently visited the home of my Pope in Avignon, France.

On a recent tour to Paris, Provence and Barcelona I had an opportunity to tour the Palais des Papes. Having toured the Palace of the Pope I can now add that Wlfryd has had the opportunity to travel to Southern France and seek an audience with the Pope, Innocent

The practice eventually broke up as the hockey game neared its completion. A crowd formed about the TV

VI. I could add that the weather was quite cold and there was even snow in parts of the countryside, a rarity in southern France. I enjoyed the journey to Avignon and the historical and theological discussions that ensued related to this time in history with other theologians and academics in Avignon. While the Popes were guests of the French King living in Avignon, rather than Rome, this period in history became known as the Babylonian Captivity. The Papacy in Rome claim the Pope was kidnapped, and the schism that resulted when the papacy began to elect a Pope in Rome as well as the Pope in Avignon led to discussions over which Pope was indeed God's representative on earth.



(Pope Innocent VI)

If you would like more information or to discuss architecture, construction, or ornamentation and decoration in period, history as it applies to Avignon or the Pope feel free to engage me in conversation. I could describe in detail the vaulting in the Grand Tinel, or the joisting in the floors of the Tinel, rooms of the Papal Palace. Rhiannon was captivated by my descriptions of the tapestries and frescoes depicting the Saints, daily life of the nobility, and decorative designs in the palace of the Pope. I am also happy to add that although I did not personally see the Pope while in Avignon I returned home with his blessing.

## Upcoming Events

### Penguin Crusade: May 1,-2<sup>nd</sup> Cae Mor (Kitimat, BC)

The Shire of Cae Mor would like to invite you to join their Annual Penguin Crusade May 1st and 2nd with a Tavern night on April 30th. There will be classes, a feast and we will also be choosing our Heavy, Rapier and Archery Defenders. We hope you will join us in our Crusade for Knowledge and Skills.

Friday April 30th  
Tavern Night 7:00pm

Saturday May 1st  
Site Opens 9:00am  
[Classes](#) Start 10:00am  
Lunch 12:00pm  
[Classes](#) Resume 1:00pm  
Archery Tourney 4:00pm  
[Feast](#) 7:00pm  
Court TBA

Sunday May 2nd  
Heavy and Rapier Tourneys 10:00am  
Site Closes 2:00pm

[Class Schedule](#) to be announced at a future date.

**Please ensure that you reserve your tickets for the [Feast](#) PRIOR TO APRIL 17, 2010.** To reserve your ticket, please contact the Feastocrat Rhiannon of Shrewsbury - [rhia\\_the\\_shrew@yahoo.ca](mailto:rhia_the_shrew@yahoo.ca) - 250-632-3709.

**Tavern Location:** #31-863 Lahakas Blvd., Kitimat, B.C.  
**Directions:** Make your best way to Kitimat. Follow the highway (Haisla Blvd.) down the hill to the second set of lights, turn left onto Lahakas Blvd. Follow Lahakas past the mall on the left, past the Husky Station on the left, and the Police station on the left. Turn Right into the parking lot of the U-shaped condos. #31 is the last condo on the right.

**Site Location:** 1491 Kingfisher Ave., Kitimat, B.C.

**Directions:** Make your best way to Kitimat. Turn right at the fire hall onto Kingfisher Ave., go straight at the 4 way stop, take the first right into the school parking lot. There will be signs to direct you.

**May Champions: May 15, Cold Keep**

(Prince George, BC)

The winter is but a memory and Cold Keep is hailing the spring by holding tournaments! All good gentles are invited to vie for the honour of representing our fair Shire as Heavy, Rapier, Archery, or Arts and Science Champion. There is something for everyone, so come cheer on all worthy participants.

The Populace of Cold Keep will be putting on their renowned pot-luck feast on Saturday night, followed by a dessert auction. Donations of desserts will be accepted until just before the feast.

Archery will be held off-site, range conditions permitting. As of April 18th, the range at HE Tatiana's estate looks to be thawing nicely. Any changes will be posted as soon as they happen. In the event that the range conditions are not hospitable we will move the archery championship to October.

Further details and championship requirements can be found on the Cold Keep website: <http://www.avacal-sca.org/coldkeep/>

The site opens on Saturday at 9:00 AM and closes at 11:00 PM. This is a very discretely wet site!

**Site fee:**

Adult (16+): \$10.00

\$3.00 Non-member surcharge (NMS) applies.

Child (under 16): no charge

Make cheques payable to "Shire of Cold Keep".

For crash space or other inquiries please contact the event stewards:

HL Sibān (Marquita Milliken), 328 Beech Crescent, Prince George, BC V2N 1K9.

Phone (before 9:00 p.m.): 250-649-9482

Email: sibān (dot) coldkeep (at) gmail (dot) com

HE Tatiana the Outspoken (Martina Irvine), 7780 Arline Road, Prince George, BC V2K 5J1.

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**Site Info:**

Name: Knox United Church

1448 5th Ave

Prince George, BC V2L 3L7

**Directions to Site:**

Make your best way to Prince George, BC.

*From the East:*

Turn left onto Victoria Street from 1st Ave/Hwy 16.

Turn left on 5th Ave. The church is on the left corner of 5th and Brunswick.

*From all other directions:*

Take 15th Avenue into downtown. Turn left on Victoria Street. Turn right on 5th Avenue. The church is on the left corner of 5th and Brunswick.

There will be signs posted at the church only.

