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The Royal Visitation & y.u.c.k.

# FROM THE BARON

Hi boys and girls,

I would like to say how proud your Baroness and I are of all the Aloha that Western Seas has shown the Royals at the Y.U.C.K. Fighter Practice, the way you all made them feel at home and part of the Western Seas family, is something really amazing. It is something that we only can do in Western Seas ( we got the magic ) that makes then feel special and loved. Thank you Western Seas you are the best!

*Baron Claudius di Bartolomeo and Mistress Duibheasa ingen ui hEalaighthe*



## ABOUT THE COVER

Their Royal Majesties took vacation in our paradical barony. Together with the populace of the barony and other visiting dignitaries from the Kingdom of Caid and beyond, a most glorious time was spent! On the cover of this issue of the Runestone is a sunset view of His Royal Majesty Oz Rus practicing with Snorri Snafari Bjornson. More from the Royal Visitation can be found in this issue.

Photograph provided by Sir Kagetora No Ichi Igo of Western Seas.



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# SENESCHAL ADDRESS

Greetings to all good gentles!

As we approach the Winter Solstice, I am reflecting on the year passing. I feel it has been a very good year for Western Seas. We have enjoyed two Royal visits, with King Conrad and Queen Ai'sha visiting us for Spring Fair in March, and King Oz and Queen Marisa visiting us for Yule in December. We were also honored at Yule by a visit from Princess Bridget, who will step up to being our next Queen as consort to King Agrippa, at Coronation in January. It was great to see previous Royals who had visited Western Seas during their reigns, Duke Patrick and Duchess Kara, and Duchess Cassandra, at the Yule.

I want to thank all those who have held positions as officers this past year. Without officers we cannot run a Barony. Every office is important, whether it is a Canton office or a Baronial office. I want to thank all the stewards and co-stewards for putting on events for our Barony, both on Oahu and the outer islands. I especially want to thank our Baron Claudius and Baroness Duibheasa for their service, and for being willing to hold their positions for another year.

For those of you who would like to help the Barony, one of the best things you can do is pay for a membership. We are required to have a minimum number of paid members to continue to be a Barony. Consider being a steward or co-steward and holding an event. Events bring us all together to enjoy the dream we share. If you wish to help without taking an office, you can offer to help at an event, or be a deputy officer. Some of our members have been doing a lion's share of the work in our Barony. It would be good to see some other folks step up to help out.



Photo by Mistress Duibheasa ingen ui hEalaighthe

Next fall we will again hold a Baronial Fighting Tournament, to determine who will be the next Baron and Baroness of Western Seas. This gives all you fighters time to practice, and to plan ahead so that you qualify to enter. A "letter of intent" sent to Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal and the Baronial Seneschal, will be required to enter either the Fighting or the A&S Baronial tournament, as it is now a Kingdom law. I will be writing up information on how to write the letter, and specify what is requested, so that people know well in advance how to proceed. I am available to help anyone who would like assistance with this requirement.

I am looking forward to a great new year, starting with our 12th Night on January 21st. I am excited about the Shakespearean theme that co-stewards Lord Geoffrey Caimlann and Bantiarna Sadhbh will be presenting. I love Shakespeare!

I want to wish all of you the very best in the coming year! I hope I will get to see many of you in person.

Yours, in service to the Dream,

*Mistress Raven of Heronsmarsh*

OL, OP, CB





The continuous tale of...

# A WANDERER IN RAGS

Chapter 10 | by Lord Riley Frost of Farhaven

river's current wasn't all that bad on the surface, flowing at a fairly sedate pace. This didn't change that Karalus still felt sicker than a cur. All the same, they were making good time. Now if only they could go a little faster...

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As sick as Karalus was feeling, Mirea was just as worried. The raft was shoddy work, and the further they got, the more worried she became that it would come apart at the absolute worst moment possible. Even as they got closer to the far shore, she only got more and more worried.

"You know, me might be able to fish for dinner," she remarked.

"If'n we can find a rod an' reel, sure." Karalus mumbled.

"Well, maybe we can use your walking stick and some string."

"Maybe."

Karalus wanted very much to share her seeming enthusiasm, but it was all he could do to not lose his breakfast. And then suddenly, he didn't feel sick at all. Something was wrong.

"Feel tha'?" he asked, coming as upright as he dared.

"What?"

"I think we're caught on somethin'. Log, maybe."

"Dammit." Mirea swore, looking over the side of the raft. They were still moving, albeit slowly. But, something was indeed off. Instead of slowly drifting forward and to the side as they had been, now they were drifting very notably to the side, down river. Mirea started

casting about in the water with Karalus' staff to try and find whatever it was they were caught on, while he tried shifting his weight forward to try and free them. For a moment, it seemed as though it would work, and they began to move forward again.

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Then everything went wrong. With a sudden and hellish jerk, the raft came free of it's entanglement, and in so doing, Karalus lost his already tenuous grip on the reed raft entirely. With a sickening splash, he was in the water and suddenly everything was happening at once. The current pulled him under, and the Wanderer found himself very literally fighting for breath. Stars appeared in his vision whenever the river's rage slammed him into something beneath the surface, and it was all he could do to keep his head above water. On and on it seemed to go as he as buffeted about, until suddenly he slammed into something hard and unyielding. The wind was driven from him in a single explosive moment, and water came rushing in. A moment of simple, animalistic panic came over him and he lunged for the surface, spitting and coughing furiously as his head breached the surface. Shaking his head like a dog, he was finally able to see what he'd struck, and he wanted to laugh. If it had been a log that had gotten him into this latest in a long string of messes, how fittingly ironic that it should be one that got him out. The log must have been a great old forest beast at some point, and Karalus gratefully

The Wanderer held onto the little raft tightly as it made it's way forward, Occasionally glancing over at Mirea to see if she was uneasy as he. It didn't surprise him in the least to see that she was. No matter how well as the raft had been put together, it was reeds. And that, could very easily be cause for worry.

"How much further do we 'ave?" he asked, trying to get his stomach to settle- if only a little.

Unlike him, Mirea had her wits about her enough to be able to guess how far off the other shore was.

"About halfway there." she answered.

Karalus cursed.

"You alright?" she asked, cocking her head.

He didn't respond, and instead focused on the far shore, and dry land. Surprisingly enough, the

latched onto it. With all the spray flying about he couldn't tell for certain of it reach all the way to shore, but by the Six and Three he wasn't staying here!

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Panic had gripped Mirea's mind the moment the Wanderer had gone in the water. Panic for him because of the river's grip and the armor he wore, and panic for herself as the raft had gone completely out of control. Not that it had entirely been in the first place, but now all semblance of it had been lost. Almost like child's top it went as it carreened along, and Mirea shut her eyes tight to wait for her to end up in the water like Karalus had. Suprisingly enough though, she didn't. With eyes shut tight, she was buffeted and bounced about by the raft as it struck river debris, hoping for the mess to over or the end to be quick. But by the grace of the Six or some forgotten god, after what had to have been the most harrowing river-ride of her entire life, the raft had washed up onto the shore. Mirea had gladly staggered off of the accursed thing, and leaned on the Wanderer's staff, trying to catch her breath. She was alive, and for that she was grateful. But Karalus... she didn't know where he could've have ended up. For all she knew, he could have been swept down river to the village by now, or pinned under a piece of debris and drowned. Many things could have happened, and-

"OI! Wha' th' 'ell jus' 'appened?!"

And of course, he could be just fine, staggering along the bank soaking wet and looking like the world itself had offended him.

"Mishap." she said, knowing full well that the explanation didn't even begin to cover it. "You



The Wanderer  
by Lord Riley Frost

alright?" she asked.

"Aye, I'm fine. Head's filled 'alf with water an' I'm freezin', but I'm fine."

Mirea nodded, and looked back towards the raft.

"We got lucky, didn't we?" she asked, considering the wretched thing.

"Aye, more or less." Karalus responded, tromping away from the bank to seat himself on a rock.

"We're nae goin' any further until we've built a fire an' dried out, though."

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For all the guff she had a tendency to give him, Mirea wholeheartedly agreed. Confused was what she became though, when the Wanderer pulled off one of his boots, looked inside it, and started to laugh.

"What's so funny?" she asked, hands on hips.

"Well, ye know how ye said we might go fishin' when we got t' shore?" he asked.

"Of course. I don't think you're going to find a rod and line in your boot, though."

"No need, lass." he said, and upended his boot. A fat, shortish fish plopped out, and flopped madly on the grass.

Mirea stared at it, then began to laugh.

Karalus grinned innocently, and shrugged.

"Seems I picked up a freerider. I'll get a fire goin'."

The Adventure continues in the  
next issue of the Runestone!



# ROYAL VISIT & ELEVATION AT Y.U.C.K.

Last July I was honored to receive a call from our newly crowned King Oz, letting us know that he would like to visit Western Seas with Queen Marisa and their two children, TJ and Evan. King Oz wanted the opportunity to meet as many in Western Seas as possible, and wished to combine a family vacation with the visit. He let us know the only date they had available was the week of December 10. King Oz emphasized that he would love to fight with as many fighters as possible, so they all got a chance to fight the King. He wanted a combination Yule/glorified fighter practice. He informed me that he and Queen Marisa would especially appreciate having some local Hawaiian/ethnic food for lunch. He also mentioned that he and Queen Marisa would like to see a display of Arts & Sciences from the members of Western Seas.

December isn't the easiest time of year to get a site for an event, but when we put out word that His Majesty, King Oz, would like a fighter practice, Mistress Genevieve talked to the parks department and got a nice site for us at Ahuimanu Community Park. Mistress Genevieve and Bantiarna Sadhbh offered to co-steward the event. As it can be muddy in December, the name of the event was coined as Y.U.C.K., Yule Ultimate Combat with the King.

When I visited the mainland for Festival of the Rose in August, I had the honor to meet King Oz and Queen Marisa. King Oz let me know that Mistress Genevieve had just been voted in as a new member of the Order of the Pelican, and that he would like to hold her elevation when he visited Western Seas in December. As she had not been informed yet, this became a top secret mission to plan for her elevation, as well as the Yule/fighter

practice. Mistress Genevieve was informed some months later in October, during Great Western War by farspeaker conference while the Order of the Pelican gathered around the King, that she was being invited to join the Order of the Pelican, and would be put on vigil at opening court of the YUCK on December 10.

This news was cause for a great celebration among many of us, and inspired several folks to travel to Oahu to attend the event, to visit Western Seas and to support Mistress Genevieve. Several of our honored visitors spoke for her at the elevation. Among the mainland visitors were Duchess Cassandra, Princess Bridget, Duke Patrick and Duchess Kara, Mistress Tetchubah, and Baroness Ariana. We also had Western Seas gentles travel from the Big Island and Peridot isle to attend.

With a short scare about a potential tidal wave threat, and torrential rain throughout the early part of the week, there was concern about our event being very wet. However, December 10 dawned as an overcast day, not the possible storm that we could have had. The grassy field where we would have held the event was very muddy, so we moved the event to the paved athletic courts and set up there. After opening court when Mistress Genevieve was put on vigil, the fighters commenced their Ultimate Battle with the King.

We were pleased to see two other gentles from Western Seas honored that day, as Geoffrey of Caimlann received his AoA in opening court,



*Mistress Genevieve dubbed by sword at her elevation, photo by Claudio*

and Lord Andrew of Fairburn was awarded the Crescent Sword in closing court. Congratulations to both of them!

At the end of closing court the elevation for Mistress Genevieve to the Order of the Pelican was finalized. Sir Valeran do Pico was Herald. Mistress Genevieve was given a beautiful gold engraved medallion crafted by Master Thomas Brownwell. Many of us were very pleased to see her recognized for her selfless service to our Barony over the past two decades. Someone commented that it was indeed appropriate for someone being elevated to the Order of the Pelican to also be a co-steward at that event and to have to leave the site to pick up the food for everyone. Hearty congratulations to Mistress Genevieve!

I understand that King Oz met with Western Seas fighters again during the week, and some very enjoyable times were had by all.

We had an excellent turnout for this event. Many thanks to all who came. We are honored that King Oz and Queen Marisa could come and spend time with us. As King Oz had us cheer, "Hip Hip Huzzah, Hip Hip Shazam, Hip Hip Marisa!"



# Yule ULTIMATE COMBAT <sup>with the</sup> KING IN PICTURES



Photos of the Y.U.C.K. provided by Baron Claudius Brutus di Bartolomeo



# EVENTS OF INTEREST



## BARONY OF WESTERN SEAS

The entire  
State of Hawaii  
Baronial Events

### FEAST OF TWELFTH NIGHT

January 21, 2017; 1pm - 8pm  
Cathedral of Saint Andrew  
(229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI)  
Come one! Come all! Celebrate the  
12-days of Christmas with the  
Western Seas as they make a glorious  
return for Twelfth Night at the  
Cathedral of Saint Andrew! We expect  
full regalia for this event, a formal  
Shakespearean affair of the early  
Tudor period. Entertainment for the  
soul, contests for the wit, and of  
course feasting to fill your gullet!  
**THIS IS A BONE DRY EVENT!**  
Absolutely no alcohol on the premises.

Feasting is limited to 45 people.  
Please RSVP with your headcount  
(adult & child) as well as any special  
requests and diet concerns no later  
than December 26, 2016, to the event  
stewards via:  
twelfthnight@westernseas.org  
You will receive a confirmation email  
from the Stewards.

Registration Adult 18+: \$30 each  
w/Valid SCA Membership: \$25 each  
Children 17 & younger: FREE  
Checks to SCA/Barony of Western Seas

Event Stewards:  
Bantiarna Sadhbh inghean uí Conghal  
Lord Geoffery of Camlann

### FIGHTER PRACTICE

Every Thursday, 5:30pm - 7:30pm  
Kaimuki High School  
2705 Kaimuki Ave., Honolulu  
Practice with Schola members in various  
forms of medieval combat. From Fencing  
to Armored Combat & more.



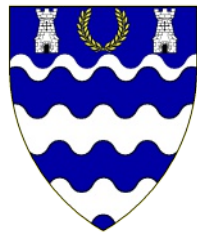
CANTON OF  
FARHAVEN  
The entire island of  
Hawaii  
Commonly called  
"The Big Island"

### UNARMORED PRACTICE

First Saturday of the month, 11am  
Lilioukalani Park  
All other Saturdays, 10am  
Cooper Center Skate Park

### SECOND ODD SATURDAY THE GREAT HUNT

Kaumana Caves  
(1492 Kaumana Drive, Hilo, HI)  
Legend has it that a terrible beast  
which once terrorized the small town  
of Kaumana has been tamed by a local  
princess in the caves nearby. Come and  
partake with the populace of Farhaven  
as they explore, discover, and feast!  
Potluck, scavenger hunt, Unarmored  
Fighting.  
Registration: Free!  
Event Stewards:  
Lady SheaVerain VonQuinlan and  
Lord Valen D Munio  
Email: great-hunt@farhaven.org  
For more information, visit  
WesternSeas.org/Calendar



CANTON OF  
BARD'S KEEP  
Central & West Oahu  
From Halawa to  
Makaha to Pupukea

### WCC-FIGHTER PRACTICE

January 7, 2017, 4pm - dark  
Windward Community College  
(45-720 Keaahala Rd., Kaneohe, HI)  
A mock-invasion and practice of  
Armored Combat. Weather permitting.  
May be canceled if other event is  
scheduled.

### FIGHTER PRACTICE

Every Saturday, 4pm - dark  
Neal S. Blaisdell Park  
98-319 Kamehameha Hwy., Aiea  
Practice Armored Combat and sometimes  
Fencing. Weather permitting. May be  
canceled if other event is scheduled.



CANTON OF  
CASTLENORTH  
Windward Oahu  
From Makapuu to the  
east all the way  
to Pupukea

### BARONIAL OFFICER MEET

Third Wednesday every month  
Open to all members of the Barony  
Windward Community College  
Skype & phone conferencing available.  
Contact the Baronial Seneschal for  
more info.



CANTON OF  
VALLEY AZURE  
The entire county of  
Maui  
Including the islands of  
Molokai and Lanai

### INFORMAL MEETINGS

Contact the Seneschal for information.

### OTHER EVENTS OF NOTE

CORONATION & 12th Night  
January 07, 2017  
See Caid Facebook Page

Queen's Champion  
January 08, 2017  
See Caid Facebook Page

Winter Weekend (Calafia)  
January 12-16, 2017  
Calafia.org

Talon Crescent War (Starkhaven)  
February 18-20, 2017  
Information pending . . .

Make sure to check the  
Kingdom and Baronial  
Calendars on the web!

Information on this page is  
current as of December 19, 2016,  
and may not reflect current  
event status or conditions.  
For the latest event information,  
check the Baronial Calendar at  
WesternSeas.org/Calendar



# MATTERS OF LEGALITY & CONCERN

## THE LIST OF WAIVERS - WHEN & WHY

### SCA Model Release Form

Required to be signed by subject when...

- \*the image is portrait-style.
- \*the photo is taken in a private space at an event (such as a personal encampment).
- \*the photograph is taken at a non-public venue (such as an armor-making workshop at a home or closed event).

### SCA Photograph Grant of Use Form

Required to be signed by the photographer for any and all photos in use after December 31, 2010.

A photographer may check the "Perpetual Grants of Use" box, meaning the form is required only one time and it covers any photograph submitted for use by the Barony now or in the future.

### SCA Creative Work Copyright Assignment/Grant of Use Form

Required to be signed by the author or artist for the following...

- \*articles, poems, stories, songs - written content submitted for publication.
- \*original artwork (not clip art) submitted digitally for publication.
- No form is needed for...
- \*correspondence from officers or even organizers
- \*event notices
- \*captions to photographs

### Caid Personal Information Release

Required to be signed when...

- \*event organizers wish to use their personal email/phone number for contact
- \*officers wish to have their modern names used in the Regnum
- \*article writers wish to use their modern name in the by-line

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Waivers are to be submitted along with pertinent works to the Chronicler and/or the Webwright. Waivers can be submitted digitally (scanned as PDF or JPG). Hard-copies received will be scanned. All waivers are stored digitally in a private filing system managed by Kingdom Caid. Hard-copy Waivers are kept on file with the Constable after being scanned.

Combat & Equestrian Waivers are special waivers needed to participate in events related to each. Please speak to the Marshal for more information.

### Blue Card vs. White Card

SCA members who have (digitally) signed a Waiver of Liability when joining possess a Blue Membership Card. Members who have not signed this waiver have a White Membership Card. If a member possesses the White Card, that member must sign combat waivers at each event to participate in combat.

Questions? Ask the Chronicler, Webwright or Constable.

Links to waivers can be found at [WesternSeas.org](http://WesternSeas.org).



BARONY OF WESTERN SEAS  
[WesternSeas.org](http://WesternSeas.org)

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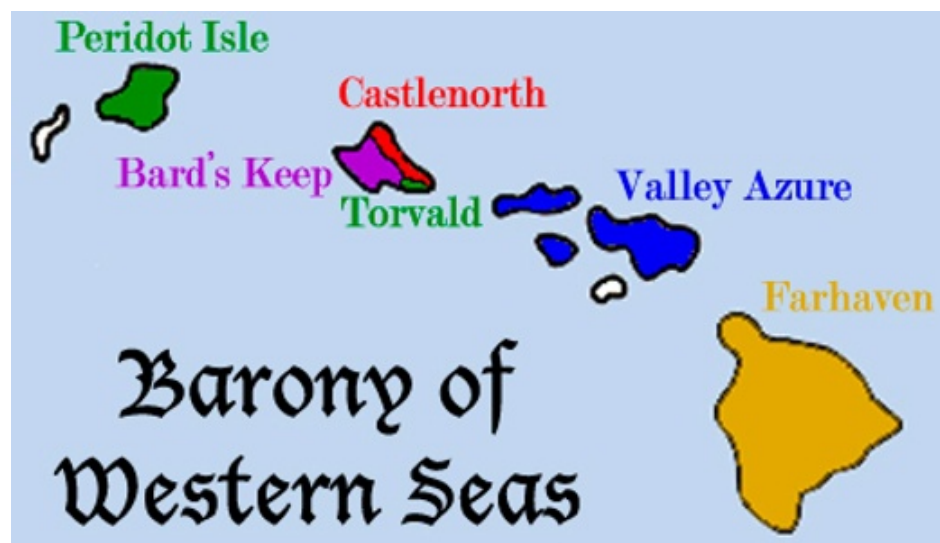
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# BARONY OF WESTERN SEAS REGNUM

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## CANTON SENESCHALS

Farhaven (Big Island)..... Dame Uta Blackthorne ..... seneschal@farhaven.org  
 Peridot Isle (Kauai)..... Vacant - Want to Volunteer? Contact the Baronial Seneschal! .....seneschal@peridotisle.org  
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His Royal Majesty Ozmund Rus displays his awesome prowess and noble gentleness as he cups the last Super Moon of the year while it shines over the Barony of Western Seas.

Darcing Shot & Aloha 2016 by Sir Kagetora No Ichi Igo of Western Seas.

