

GROUP NAME: Canton of Distant Shores

DATE REPORT FILED: 05 January 2005

***REPORTING SENESCHAL SCA NAME: Mistress Elizabeth Darnley

MUNDANE NAME: Sarah Paterson

POPULATION (EST.) MEMBERS: 18-21 NON-MEMBERS: 20

Several of our populous were awarded arms at the ECU Royal Progress in November. Lord Marcus Chandrenos, Lord Ranuccio Farnese, Lady Zelina Silver Fox of Blackwood and Lord Gomez.de Santiago. Vivat!

There has been some discussion about splitting the canton in two. Currently the canton encompasses over 200km of land in length and with a mountain in the middle, our populous plays at either end of the canton, and rarely together as a group. Distant Shore's Curia met on 05 January to start the process of discussing the concept officially, and this is what was decided.

(The meeting was well attended by both curia members and members of the populous.)

It was decided at the curia meeting to break Colchester and Cumberland County into an unofficial sub component of the Canton, like a borough, and would be called an Assart. The Assart of ??? would establish its own curia (sans bank account) and report to both Distant Shore Curia (Pictou County) and the Baronial Curia. The Assart would still be financed by the original Canton and all moneys raised by the Assart (unless for the barony) would go to the canton. The Assart would pass all event bids through the Distant Shore canton curia but would meet as a separate curia and group. As it is currently the intent of the Canton of Distant Shores to split into two cantons with Pictou County retaining the original canton Heraldry & Name and the Assart becoming the incipient canton and future canton, it is felt that this would be a good way to see if such a move would be of benefit to both sides of the Canton & its people. Curia & populous both agreed that we would try this separation as an Assart for a year.

It was also decided that the Distant Shores Curia would be made up of members of the SCA from Pictou County and the Assart Curia would be made up of members of the SCA from Colchester & Cumberland Counties.

If this is acceptable to the Barony at the next curia meeting, 09 January, then I will hand over the running of the Canton of Distant Shores (Pictou County) to my deputy Lady Alessandra until the end of my term March /05 at which time an election will be held to vote in a new Distant Shores seneschal. Lady Alessandra has offered to run for the position. I will then be free to help form the new Assart which is located in my side of the canton.

CURRENT BANK BALANCE: Current Bank Balance as of 05 January 2005: \$1582.45 less \$ 72.00 NMS to be sent this week.

Currently the arms for Lady Zelina Silverfox of Blackwood are being submitted by Winfrith. Winfrith was asked to oversee the submissions of heraldry for the Assart's future canton.

Lord Ragnar reported that there were serious plans to start a fighter practice in Pictou County.

Marshal's report, fourth quarter. – H.L. Yesungge Altan

This quarter has had a decline in numbers for our regular fighter practices due to holidays and weather. We are averaging 4 fighters each week. We are still holding practice and populace meeting every Tuesday at the Boys and Girls Club in Truro, Nova Scotia. We have the basement area (including a kitchen, multi purpose room and gym area) from 6:30 to 9.

I do expect our numbers of regularly attending fighters shall increase this coming year.

I have no incidents to report. I have no injuries to report.

Tristram (Jon Gibson) had sanctions put on him disallowing him to participate in martial activities for three month which has now run its course. I have informed him the sanctions are now lifted and asked him to come to a couple of fighter practices to ensure he is ready for his authorization. Part of the sanctions indicated he is required to have his

authorization redone by the Deputy Earl Marshal. I have spoken with Sir Emrys and he has indicated he would attempt to make it up to the Truro area to help run this for Tristram.

If any have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at any time through email or by phone.

Minister of Arts and Science Report January 5th 2005-
For the Canton of Distant Shores

Katrizyna Zelka reporting

Greetings Lords and Ladies,

First off we would like to thank Lord Ragnar for the beautifully etched wine goblets donated as prizes for the Lornevale Keep event.

Also having to do with the Lornevale Keep event we would like to thank Mistress Elizabeth Darnley for coming up with a lovely dance called "The Gentle Maids of Lornevale".

At EKU we as a Canton presented Their Majesties with a gift basket filled with donated gifts from our members. Thank you to those who donated:

Lady Alessandra - beaded circlets

Mistress Elizabeth Darnley - felted Maunche medallions and Golden Tyger Favors

Honorable Lordship Yesungge Altan - Roman Spices

Lord Marcus - Red Current wine

Lady Winfrith & Lady Eadwynn.- 2 bottles of wine

Lady Catriona & Lord Ranuccio - Salt Cellars

Katrizyna Zelka - Basket

Lord D'unstable - Goblets

As well, we would like to thank the people who taught at EKU -

Mistress Elizabeth Darnley - Card Weaving

Honorable Lordship Yesungge Altan - How to run a List

Lady Zelina - Sewing for Kids

The Canton had been fairly quiet for the Winter season but, some events are coming up in the Spring. Honorable Lordship Yesungge Altan has been researching period games to be taught to us at a later date.

*** Zelka would like to work as MOAS for the Assart should it be approved and Donnal O'Niel has offered to take over as acting MOAS for the Canton of Distant Shore until Distant Shore Curia Officer elections can be announced and conducted.

Fourth Quarter Chatelaine Report – H.L. Yesungge Altan

Canton of Distant Shore

We have had a couple new people attending our weekly meetings. They have been coming along with present members of the populace. As always, the holiday season is a slow one for the SCA in searching out new comers. We are still holding practice and populace meeting every Tuesday at the Boys and Girls Club in Truro, Nova Scotia. We have the basement area (including a kitchen, multi purpose room and gym area) from 6:30 to 9.

I have been speaking with Lady Zelina about becoming a deputy Chatelaine. She lives on the opposite end on the Canton (approximately 100 kilometers away) and as it is so large an area, we need to have someone on each end to be able to execute the duties properly to find those who wish to join the SCA. She seems quite excited to do the job. I am going to be speaking more with her at the up coming 12th night celebration here in Ruantallan this coming weekend.

If there is any other information you wish, or questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at any time.

EVENTS/DEMOS PLANNED: The following two bids were submitted and approved by curia 05 Januray 2005

Henry 4th Married Yet Again (title may change)
Canton of Distant Shore

April 23rd 2005

Stop the Pirates

Assart (Colchester & Cumberland Counties, NS)

September 2-5 2005