

Report of the Calontir Marshal's Quarter Court

Second Quarter, 2005

Introduction:

The Quarter Court met on Saturday, June 18th, at the War of the Lilies.

The purpose of the Court is to review any incidents or injuries reported during the quarter and offer any recommendations or conduct additional investigations as needed. The Court also serves as an appeal process for sanctions issued by the Earl Marshal.

Members of the Court:

The Earl Marshal, Syr Tarl Wintersson, KSCA.

The Representative of the Crown, Baron Sir Faolan Wulfaugen, KSCA

The Representative of the Chivalry, Sir Toen Fitzwilliam, KSCA.

Summary of the Court:

Case Reviewed: Argon from Oakheart

The Earl Marshal has received several complaints over the last year in regard to an individual named Argon. This person resides in the Oakheart area but is described as a "fringe" SCA participant who does not regularly attend events. The complaints include: Winning a tournament by not accepting blows, and not fighting enough to keep his authorizations current, but still claiming to be authorized. There seems to be some history involved between this person, a household they are a member of, and the local SCA group.

This Earl Marshal wished to investigate this matter further before taking further action.

The Court agreed that the KEM should look into this matter further.

Case Reviewed: Barony of Three Rivers – Scenic Library Demo – Siloflex incident

As reported by Conde Fernando, this was a large demo with approximately two dozen SCA participants and over 300 spectators. During the course of the fighting demonstrations the siloflex covering of a fighters sword came free and slid off the rattan core. It flew approximately 20' through the air into the audience and hit a child in the head. The child was around 4 years of age and began to cry. When examined, she had a small red mark on her forehead there was no sign of any actual injury apparent to Fernando (a previously licensed EMT). Her grandfather was quite calm and took her into the back where she was quieted down rather quickly with the assistance of Geoffrey (in his fool's motley) who went back to juggle for her in a little private show. Later on in the evening she was seen running, jumping and playing quite animatedly, apparently none the worse for wear. When Fernando examined the pieces of the weapon afterwards, it appeared that the fastener that held the tubing in place under the quillons had come out - allowing the tubing to fly free. Fernando made the recommendation that siloflex swords undergo a more thorough inspection including pulling on the siloflex tube length wise to ensure it will not slip off. He also recommended an additional means of securing the siloflex to the rattan core, such as drilling a hole and running a cord or bolt through the weapon.

The Earl Marshal forwarded Fernando's report to the Society Marshal due to the seriousness of the incident. The KEM also agreed with Conde Fernando's recommendations and made announcements in the Mews, on the marshallate website, and on the marshallate mailing list, recommending more thorough inspections of siloflex swords as well as the above attachment methods.

The Court felt no further investigation or action was needed.

Case Reviewed: Raymond's knee injured at Melees and Mayhem 2005

As reported by Yamashiro Kato, MIC: During an offensive press by the attackers in an open field engagement, Raymond began to fall back and over-extended the range of motion allowed by his right knee, stressing it. A hold was called and Raymond was removed from the field after verification that it was nothing more than an over-extended knee. Raymond claimed he would have Sir Attila (being onsite and familiar with his injury) examine his knee. Raymond claimed that no aggressive action resulted in his injury and that it was caused by prior injuries. Sir Attila examined Raymond later and verified no permanent had occurred and that what happened was a simple over-extension that would require rest and care to deal with.

The Court felt no further investigation or action was needed.

Case Reviewed: Lilies War 2005 Incidents

There were several incidents/injuries during the week of the War including: a broken thumb, a possibly broken leg and a troubling incident involving an illegal sword made of polypropylene found on the field. The reports containing the details were unavailable at the time but H. L. Avraham, the MIC, provided the Court with the information he knew from memory. The Court agreed to do a further review of these incidents at the next Quarter Court when the reports and additional details would be available for review.

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General discussion:

After the actions above, the members of the Court and the other individuals present then engaged in open discussion of various subjects involving the Marshallate. One of the important topics addressed was the need to setup guidelines to standardize inspections. Several volunteers have contacted the KEM and are in the process of creating "How to do inspections" classes with the approval of the Earl Marshal.

Reviewed and approved:

Syr Tarl Wintersson, Earl Marshal of Calontir
Baron Sir Faolan Wulfaugen, The Representative of the Crown.
Sir Toen Fitzwilliam, The Representative of the Chivalry.

Revised – 07-11-05 – Syr Tarl Wintersson.