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## **Vigil & Elevation Ceremony Considerations**

by Kamei Kojirou Yoshinaga

Being sent on Vigil and preparing for a celebration of what you have done and how you've impacted others for the benefit of the game. It is not really something you can be truly prepared for and the wisdom you receive to assist with what comes next unless you have already had the experience prior. It truly is a personal experience that will be different for everyone. That being said, that is not the focus of this article. But instead, the focus will be on some short takeaways I learned from planning this experience.

Get someone familiar and knowledgeable with the whole process to help you plan and direct the ceremony. You cannot play director during your own ceremony and work with them to achieve your vision.

Maintain excellent communication and be respectful with your friends who are adding to your experience with their time, skills, experience, resources, words, and service! Reach out to them and see if there is anything they need on their end.

Work with your director and make sure all of your I's are dotted, T's are crossed, and run your crazy ideas by your herald and the crown herald and when it's finalized... send a copy to them.

Do your best not to stress out and enjoy the experience, things won't go 100% according to plan! But only you and a few others will know. Another thing to remember is the populace attending that day, you might be the first peerage some of them have ever seen! So make it a magical experience for them too!

I was very blessed with my mentors, role models, and friends making sure I had a great experience not only for myself but for everyone and I wish the same for all of you!

-Kamei Kojirou Yoshinaga

A note from the editor: Kojiru was asked to share his thoughts on his elevation at Arts and Sciences hosted by our very own barony in Evanston Wyoming (aka Gryphons Lair east.)

### **Bards Guild comes to the Lair!**

By Eys Galster

During the month of April members of the Barony of Gryphon's Lair met to discuss the formation of a bardic guild for the barony. This meeting included goals and ideas that the guild would hope to accomplish. Meeting both in person and over the internet members of our great barony discussed what kinds of bardic activities are worth pursuing and how to assist each other in bardic endeavors.

Along with the discussions members were asked to learn the Artemisian Anthem which unfortunately is not sung as often in our kingdom as once it was. This group is a great opportunity for anyone interested in the bardic arts to receive help in preparation or rehearsal.

The group plans to meet once a month to discuss and practice any bardic arts that members want to work on. If anyone in our barony would like to learn more about the bardic guild please contact Lord Eys Galster (mundanely known as: Quinton Geilman).

A note from the editor: Speaking from Experience the guild meetings are fun and it is ANY form of performing art so if you have a talent you want to showcase or talk about please come and join the guild we could use your talents and would appreciate you sharing them with both the guild and the barony.

The True story of the Baranies founding

By Bengta

Disclaimer from Bengta: There had been an SCA group in the Ogden area in the past. I had no contact with them.

My daughter Edna, Annie Morrison in the SCA, met a lady at the Weber State gym. Dawn told Edna/Annie about the SCA. Dawn came over to our house the next night. She brought with her a little garb booklet. The following weekend there was an event in Loch Salann. I had made garb for myself and all five of my daughters. Tricot is colorful and inexpensive. Later I realized just how wrong that garb was! But we had a lot of fun.

We started holding monthly meetings at my home. Dawn, whose SCA name I don't remember at the moment, came, as did my daughters. Kraygyn, Craig, and his brother Kelvin, Kevin, joined us.

After a couple of meetings, we started talking about deciding on a name. I had recently taken my girls to the library to check out books. I really liked one book, The Griffin and the Minor Canon, by Frank R. Stockton After a good bit of discussion, I managed to convince the others. The closest runner up name was "Four Fires North". I had no idea about the Artemisian Gryphon, no idea about griffins on Hill Air Force Base. Our location is Og's Den, therefore Gryphon's Lair.

In service to the dream, Bengta/Karen

**Note From the Editor:** Bengta was asked to share this story with me unrelated to my duties as chronicler however I loved the story so much that with her permission I shared the information with you all.

### **Thank you To our Contributors!**

As you can see this quarter's edition of the Roar is a little prettier and has a little bit more content!

I would like to thank Nicolai cel Bun For the wonderful cover art of this edition! With out his art skills we would probably have a boring cover again. He did this free of charge in his spare time for the Barony!

I would like to thank our writers as well! Bengta, Eys Galster, and Kamei Kojirou Yoshinaga were all asked to contribute this quarter and all without hesitation stepped up to help us out and because of them and their willingness to write up articles gave us a much better Gryphons Roar!

#### **Editors Note!**

Did you like this issue of Gryphons roar? Do you think that may be the next issue should be illuminated or have more pictures? Do you want to write about something cool you or your friends did that is SCA related? Contact Hasan at <a href="mailto:chronicler@gryphonslair.org">chronicler@gryphonslair.org</a> or on Facebook under Austin J Buckius (Hasan Ibn Bekir)

# Officers of the Barony

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# **Vacant Offices:**

- Thrown Weapons Marshal
- Minister of Youth
- Chatelaine

If you are interested in one of the vacant offices please send your letter of Intent to our seneschal at seneschal@gryphonslair.org and our baroness at baroness@gryphonslair.org. We'd love to have you on the team!

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