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Barbarian Blow-out Slave Auction and Pas d'Armes
Shire of Lunecorne Hafn
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Cerro Vista, NV

It's time again for Lunecorne Havn'ss annual warlord tourney and baronial business meeting. The theme this year is the Brightest of the Dark Ages, so polish up all those Roman Legionaire, Magyar and Alvaromid personas to parade about. In keeping with our theme, the format for this year's warlord touney is a barbarian Pas d'Armes. All fights will be at the barrier warlord-style, where every person or team who has been eliminated from the lists will accrue to the team of the person who defeated them. There will be a grand melee at the barrier between every round, so even those who have washed up will have plenty of fighting. Each round will use a different Pas d'Armes weapon in the style of 15th century German "Feats of Arms." Weapons forms will be great sword, great axe, great spear, punch-maul, single sword and dagger. Rebatelements will be allowed on daggers. If/when we run out of weapons forms after seven rounds, the above list will be repeated until a clear victor emerges.

Our feast will be a fabulous assortment of Dark Ages foods, including Mongolian saddle-tenderized horse meat stew (with carrots and "spud larva" (tater tots)), almond chicken baked in tomato puree, Viking salmon cakes with period ranch dressing, and middle-eastern pineapple-peanut pan thai noodles. The site is free but on the condition that we do not bring in our own alcohol but use their cash bar instead. Drinks will be free to anyone who wins more than \$100 in the Casino. When we're done stuffing our faces, there will be dancing led by Lady Tanglwtapyn de Pseudonominiae to the delicate sound of the dombec. Master Schmertenzug will not be able to come to provide live music, but he has given Vicountess Tanglwtapyn a tape of dance music including the ever-popular Hole in the Wall.

The site is not charging us for anything, so long as we use their cash bar and circulate in garb in the Casino one during Saturday afternoon and once Saturday evening. Only period-style pavilions are allowed "on the eric." The site does not allow tent stakes in their wood parquet floors, so bring an alternative way to set up your tent. Our chirurgurgeon wishes to remind everyone that the UV from the fluorescent lights at the event site are not good for the eyes so please remember to bring lots of calomine lotion and UV-blocking sunglasses (not allowed inside helmets). Since the event is being held on the West kingdom side of the border, West kingdom fire rules will apply and be in force - portable fire pits are allowed.

The site this year is the convention center at the Gold Pan Casino just across the state line, complete with 12 foot ceilings in Conference Room B where we will hold the Pas. This is a site change from what was advertised last month in the kingdom newsletter. The feast will still be held on our side of the state line at the St. Jude's parish parochial school cafeteria in Oleo.

Directions: take your best root to Cerro Vista. Once on Hwy 216, the Gold Pan will be on your right. Directions to St. Jude's and site maps can be downloaded from www.rocks4brains.com. Free beta-test version GPS software can be downloaded from this site so you can watch your progress driving to the event in real time in your car on your NMEA-protocol Bluetooth-enabled wireless computer (only the OS2/Warp version is available at this time). Feastocrat, Rhys ap Owen ap Howell ap Rhys von Neustadt, 888-555-1212, email [barbarianbas AT rocks4brains DOT com](mailto:barbarianbas@rocks4brains.com). (c. 4/3/04, by C. M. Helm-Clark)