

BARDIC BLADES:

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from a pole. Equestrian events, rapier and armored combat and atlatl throwing during a torchlight tournament are all planned.

This will be the fourth Bardic Blades event Neal has attended, and he has gained from his involvement in the SCA, he says.

“I’ve learned a lot through it, not just personal history, but I’ve also learned to be a better person through it,” Neal says. “We have a lot of people from a lot of different walks of life within the organization.”

Participants have interests ranging from history buffs to martial arts or riding horses, but become like family as they gather at events and share their like interests, he says.

“There are a couple of ways to start out, but if you are a big history buff, that is definitely one avenue. If you want to do the martial arts stuff, like the rapier fighting, the heavy combat fighting or just shooting an arrow, or even riding horses, that’s another way to get in. We also do period games. I love cribbage, but for me to play the period game, I have to play noddly, which is the precursor to the modern-day cribbage,” Neal says.

“For me, this is a great organization, because I get to do so

many activities to the point where sometimes it’s really difficult to pick and choose,” he says.

“If people are looking to do something other than the normal with people that have like-minded interests, definitely look up the SCA,” Neal says.

To learn more and for full information on the Bardic Blades event, visit northshield.org and click on the upcoming event name.

Bardic Blades XII schedule
(Schedule is subject to change)

Thursday, June 5
Noon – Site opens
2-6 p.m. – Open archery
6 p.m. – Dinner, followed by games and social

Friday, June 6
8 a.m. – Site opens
7-9 a.m. – Breakfast
10 a.m.-noon – Open field for archery, heavy and rapier
11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Lunch dayboard
1 p.m. – Archery tourney
3-5 p.m. – Open field archery
6 p.m. – Dinner
7-8 p.m. – Torchlight tourney

Saturday, June 7
8 a.m. – Site opens
7-9 a.m. – Breakfast will be set out
10 a.m.-noon – Open field for archery, heavy and rapier
11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Lunch dayboard
1 p.m. – Archery tourney
4 p.m. – Golden apple tourney
6:30 p.m. – Dinner
Bardic competition after sundown

Sunday
Noon – Site closes for members

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PASTOR’S NOTES

Pastor Paul Ferrie,

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After several months, we resume our study of Colossians now in verse 5 of chapter 3: “Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.” The apostle Paul has previously taught that each believer is in union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. Because of that, he or she is to seek to live a life of holiness, depending on the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. Our verse states some specific areas that the believer is to put away in that pursuit of holiness.

The word translated “members” refers to sins which the sinful nature that remains in the Christian uses the body to commit. The apostle Paul frequently refers to the believer’s body as that which can be used as an instrument for either righteousness or for unrighteousness. Thus he writes in Romans 6:13: «And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”

Throughout history, many have made serious mistakes in trying to apply the command of our verse. We saw in Colossians 2 that false teachers were advocating extreme forms of asceticism in attempts to become more spiritual. But note Paul’s response in Colossians 2:23: “These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and ne-

glect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.” Early in the monastic movement some practiced severe self-denial and self-inflicted pain in attempts to curb the sinful lusts of the body.

But what Paul has in mind when he tells us to put to death our members which are on the earth is to have transformed minds and renewed wills which focus on God’s Word and which realize that through union with Christ the believer is not what he or she used to be. In other words, we should seek to become what we are as new creatures in Christ. A Christian in our day needs constant vigilance in the battle to put to death his members which are on the earth, and we would have to question the reality of newness of life in one who is not seeking to do so.

Next time, Lord willing, we shall consider specific sins that are to be put off. But I close by reminding us of a very important distinction. Putting away sins must be the RESULT of having been born again and becoming a new person in Christ. It must never be confused as being a way to ATTAIN forgiveness and salvation. We are made right with God through faith in Christ alone. Good works, including putting off sins, will FOLLOW as an inevitable result of salvation, but please do not forget Ephesians 2:8-9: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

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GRANT COUNTY

Commission Proceedings

Regular Meeting
May 7, 2025
Chairman Alton Zenker called the May 7, 2025 meeting of the Grant County Commissioners to order at 9:02 a.m. All present honored our nation by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
Public present:
Commissioner Marty Meyer moved to approve agenda, seconded by Commissioner AlRoy Hochhalter. All present voting aye; agenda approved.
Moved by Commissioner Hochhalter and seconded by Commissioner Meyer to approve April 16, 2025 Regular Board of Commissioner meeting minutes. All present voting aye. Minutes approved.
Treasurer’s report was reviewed.
Old business:
New business:
Meyer moved to approve bills totaling \$73,134.68. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote - Meyer-aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Bills approved.
Amanda Dahners 803.87
Auto Value Mandan 290.98
Butler Machinery Inc ..5,700.03
Capital Industries Inc ..2712.01
CHS Inc7031.50
City of Carson294.61
City of Elgin31.00
Dakota Fluid Power Inc920.87
Eido Printing156.00
Elgin True Value462.62
Farm & Home Supply18.90
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Gerhardt Tire710.00
GS Publishing LLC1942.64
Hertz Brothers Inc162.36
I-State Truck Center220.39
Inland Truck Parts & Service5546.77
John Deere Financial357.00
Melanie Wells30.00
Midwest Doors392.00
Motorola Solutions23582.20
Tessa Osterbauer103.06
Powerplan674.14
Rough Rider Industries5424.00
Steins Inc146.03
Terracon Consultants Inc820.00
Wallwork Truck Center1268.33
ITD1060.10
NDSU Extension Ag Budget Office11683.21
Merlin Leithold, Grant County Weed Officer, provided an annual report of the Weed Board Operations, including the cost share rates and a new chemical blend can Grant-Trifecta to control Leafy Spurge, Canada Thistle, Absinth Wormwood, Black henbane, Yellow and Dalmatian Toadflax, Palmer Amaranth and more.
Sheriff Dillon requested the increase in the salary for Brady Palmer to \$45,000 as he has completed the Academy training. Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to increase annual salary to \$45,000 effective May 1, 2025. Roll call vote - Meyer-aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.
*Rescinded -- Motion made by Meyer to rescind motion, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote - Meyer-aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.
Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to purchase tires from Gas & Gears for sheriff vehicles

for \$1,184.00. Roll call vote - Meyer-aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Jason Albert, Planning & Zoning Administrator provided information on the reclassification of a property in Carson owned by Shannon Wangsvick. The property class change had been done by the City of Carson in 2013, per minutes provided. No change must be made by the county planning and zoning. Wangsvick will request the class change for tax purposes for 2025 at the Count Board of Equalization.

Central Specialties applied for a conditional use permit for the Hiway 49 project. Commissioner Meyer asked that a representative meet with the Board and also a Road Use Agreement should be provided.

Jackie Steinmetz provided a review of the local Boards of Equalization. She will provide the Changes in True and Full Value reports and the property record cards for properties from the meetings as well the recommended changes outside the organized districts.

The Board approved a letter of support for the day of recognition for the 70th Anniversary of the Lawrence Welk Show’s national debut.

Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to hire Teddy Schaaf for the road department equipment operator/truck driver starting at \$20.50 per hour with a \$0.50 increase after three month probationary period. Roll call vote - Meyer-aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to pay for 800 yards of dirt at \$4.00/yard to James Alt. Roll call vote - Meyer-aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Meyer, and seconded by Hochhalter to approve blanket abatement application for Primary Residence Credit for residences, owned by trusts that were denied previously, that now qualify for 2024 due to passage of retro-active legislation. Roll call vote - Meyer-aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

*Prior motion being rescinded. Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to increase annual salary for Brady Palmer to \$49,000 effective May 1, 2025. Roll call vote - Meyer-aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to increase annual salary for Anthony Moore to \$55,000 Effective June 1, 2025. Roll call vote - Meyer-aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to set new hire, post academy salary to \$49,000 for sheriff deputy. Roll call vote - Meyer-aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 1:06 p.m. FYI: next scheduled meetings will be May 21st and June 4, 2025.

/s/Alton Zenker
Alton Zenker, Chairman
/s/Sara Meier
Sara Meier, Auditor
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