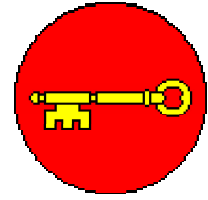


Getting started as a Seneschal



There are many acceptable ways to approach the task of serving as a local Seneschal but some are more successful than others. Here is some advice to describe a few things you may wish to consider to make your task just a bit easier.

1. ORGANISE:

Keep a calendar of Group and Kingdom events and a notebook with a sheet for each event your Group runs, each person in the Group and each problem you run into. Keep an address and phone list for the Group.

2. PRIORITISE:

A tiny problem can eat up a lot of time, time you probably can't afford, while important stuff can fail if you don't stop to think about what really needs your attention.

3. ACCLIMATISE:

Get used to power (and lack of power) in the Seneschal's job. Whereas before you may have to have argued for an hour to get people to do something, now, a mere hint may start wheels rolling in all directions. On the other hand, you may find that what seems like a reasonable request, that should be acted upon, gets ignored by the same group! Accept both....be careful of hints and don't get upset if things don't get done the first time you ask.

4. GET YOUR POSITIVE CAMPAIGN GOING

Always say something nice about someone (only think the bad bits).

Always state your faith in the people who are going to do a job.

Try to have a positive first contact with everyone you meet.

Restate disasters avoided as successes.

NOTICE good work, and say thank you!

And finally, to really simplify your Group's charter, consider these principles:

1. Do something reasonable.
2. Tell someone else first.
3. Have fun!

If you're wondering where to begin, you can hardly do better than this.