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Say hello to the inaugural issue of TRF(WTF?) The new weekly source of juicy faire gossip and useless news!

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This Week's Featured Topic: Co-Ed Shower Etiquette

It's been over two years since the hot water in the women's showers stopped working. Despite repeated complaints to management, no repairs have been made to the ladies water heater, which has led to a dangerous spike in pre-moistened towelette purchases and backstage raisin smuggling. Participants hypothesize that the lack of attention to the comfort and dignity of TRF's female participants is a result of stinginess on the part of THE MAN (aka King George) who doesn't want to spend money to prevent public shivering or perky nipples on the part of faire ladies. TRF(WTF?) wants you, the participants, to know that we care about this very serious matter. In order to mediate and hopefully dispel any issues regarding the current lack of ladies amenities, we recommend the following simple guidelines for co-ed showering:

- Ladies If you want to go to the men's side, try to get a male friend to escort you. If you can't find a guy to take you to the showers, simply ask permission to enter the men's room from the door.
- It's best for women to go to the showers in groups of three if you don't have a male to accompany you. If you can't get a group together, just be careful and use good judgment.
- Gentlemen please be understanding and allow women to enter the men's shower area without making a big deal about it.
- Try not to stare. It's just a naked human body, not a damned peep show.
- No sexual behavior in the showers. If you want to have sex in a public area, go to patron's camp.
- Avoid doing creepy stuff. This includes, but is not limited to, gawking, wolf whistles, insults, lewd gestures, taking photos/video, talking to someone's genitals, evangelist rants, deliberate dropping of soap, references to livestock, offering someone a bottle of mead (full or empty), etc. etc.
- It is OK to be friendly, but if someone doesn't seem to respond, please respect his or her right to privacy.
- Exercise all the decent behavior you'd hope to see anywhere else at faire, such as cleaning up after yourself, acting neighborly, abiding by most of the rules/regulations, etc.
- If you see someone who is violating the accepted standards, please explain to them clearly and politely just how they are violating good etiquette and just what proper behavior is.

A good rule of thumb is to treat naked people the same way you'd treat them when they are clothed. Keep it clean and shower safely, friends!

Entertaining Patron Dust-Ups

A banshee brawl reportedly broke out during an afternoon presentation of the Hanlon-Lees Monologue Theater last Sunday. Rumor has it that a Lady in Red became frustrated with the apparent lack of actual jousting in the "Joust Arena". Said Lady in Red proceded to clock another woman in the face with a goblet (honest to god, a goblet). At least twelve witnesses were required to put aside their deep compassion for the woman's legitimate disdain of false advertising while their accounts of the alleged assault were documented by local officials. The victim of the drinking vessel dispute was reportedly taken to nearby medical facilities and treated for minor injuries while her scarlet-wearing nemesis left the faire grounds in the custody of the police.

News from Growler Grove (aka the "Inner Circle")

Be careful to whom you talk smack, dear faire family! Apparently, a young woman entered the inner circle the other day seeking out a friend from whom she wanted to make a purchase. Upon finding a group of fellow TRF participants, she politely asked for directions and was consequently verbally bitch-slapped for being in their area. Little did this rather rude group know, but the innocent young woman who approached them has over 10 years of experience in the deadly arts and several coworkers who are equally qualified to make lesser mortals disappear in a flash. The major premise is, "An armed society is a polite society". The minor premise is, "Try not to be a complete ass to complete strangers!".

Privy Profundity

"In case of sewer overflow, your toilet seat may be used as a floatation device." -Men's Privies on Industrial Row, Author Unknown

Images You Can't Mentally Undo...



This patron's friend (left) didn't have balls to tell him the truth about his "1001 Dreams" weekend garb idea.



Privy Art, Men's side. Some serious penis issues evident here...

See you next week!