



MESURES RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

– April 11th, 2020 –

Hello everyone,

It is with a heavy heart that we must announce that there will be no 2020 edition of the Grande Bataille de Bicolline. This is a difficult and heartbreaking decision, even more so since this was to be the 25th anniversary of the event and we were preparing a feast for the ages! But, in light of everything that is happening and the government instructions, not holding the event is the only viable and responsible course of action that we can take. We also announce that no events will take place on the site of the Duché de Bicolline until September. A tentative calendar of events for next Autumn will be presented if the situation permits and with all the conditions that it entails.

We are aware that many of you have questions regarding their buildings on assignment, access to the buildings and the associated fees. The same holds true for those that were planning a new construction this year or have questions regarding the virtual game or the renewal of their membership card. We will address each situation as quickly as possible with precise instructions for each situation. Thank you for your understanding.

Moreover, we will not hide the fact that the Cooperative is going through troubled times, but we are well supported and are in the process of evaluating the different avenues available to us while working on a business recovery plan. Rest assured that we will take this additional time to organize a fantastic and memorable 25th edition of the Grande Bataille for 2021.

We remain in contact with many partners and companies from the industry, all of which also face difficult challenges in these uncommon times. We are looking into common events and projects to help and support each other and get through this crisis together. More than ever, the LARP community must band together and support the craftspeople, those devoted and creative souls who invest time and money, own shops, develop and maintain LARP sites, create costumes and accessories, build weapons and armors or write stories and scenarios. Each of these talented people allow us to live adventures in imaginary worlds where the interactions are however very real, rich in new experiences and sharing.

The Duché de Bicolline has been the theater of many epic battles throughout its history. The one we are fighting this year will be of a different kind, but we are confident that we will grow from this experience and will share many more years of feasting together on the duchy.

Until then, please take care of yourselves and keep in touch through our social media channels. We will do our best to be creative and make you dream a little.

Thank you and 'till we meet again,

Olivier Renard, President of the Coopérative du Duché de Bicolline



– April 18th, 2020 –

To support Bicolline: the membership card

Many of you showed their support and asked how can you help? For that we are very thankful. The best way to support us right now is by purchasing or renewing your membership card.

To become a member: <https://www.bicolline.org/public/accueil/>

To renew your membership card:

- 1- Log-in to your user profile on this page:
<https://www.bicolline.org/public/connexion/>
- 2- Click on the blue “reactivate your membership” rectangle at the bottom of the page
- 3- Select the type of membership (regular or privilege) and proceed to payment

If the options are not displayed, your membership is not yet up for renewal. You can either wait for the due date or, if you wish to renew before the due date, contact us by email at info@bicolline.org.

The membership card is valid for one year, dated on the date of purchase or renewal.

We thank you again for your support.

Assignments: access, fees and municipal taxes:

Access: Until further notice, scheduled access to the buildings (assignments and site visits) are cancelled. We are monitoring the situation, just as you are and, if things were to change, we will evaluate the possibility of re-opening the site.

Fees: Invoices for the assignment fees that are due in July 2020 will be issued as usual at the beginning of June. Assignees that can make the payment within the usual delays are invited to do so: it will help us tremendously. However, we understand that everyone is impacted by the current crisis and that the financial capacity of many may have been affected. That is why we wish to offer the same opportunity as our banks have given us and to delay payment until October 1st at the latest.

Municipal taxes: The municipality of Saint-Mathieu-du-Parc has also granted us a delay in collecting the municipal taxes. Here is the information from their website: the municipality has adopted a new rule that brings the penalty rate on late payments from 5% to 0%. Modification of this rate is effective March 30th to September 1st, 2020 inclusively. Furthermore, in public council of April 6th, the municipality has adopted that the next two payment for municipal taxes be deferred. In effect, municipal taxes that were due on June 15th and September 14th are deferred to July 13th and October 12th.

Construction

We are following government rules regarding construction sites and will handle each case separately. Those that had submitted construction projects for 2020 will be contacted individually by email or by phone before the end of April with a situation update.

Renovation schedule

Until further notice, the schedule for access to the building, including for renovations, has been cancelled.

Game season

Hello,

As you already know, this year's Bal Pourpre has been cancelled. It comes as no surprise that we now announce that the Summer and Grande Bataille are also cancelled. Unfortunately, given how intricately connected the virtual and real-life aspects of the game are, it is impossible for us to maintain the aforementioned seasons.

Given the fact that the Grande Bataille 1019 and Winter 1020 seasons are updated, here are two possible scenarios that have been put forward. We will keep you informed as to which scenario will be chosen when the real-life season starts again:

- 1- If activities resume in September: we plan to add an additional season to the year. Effectively, we would have an end of season for the beginning of December 1020 (exceptional season), an end of season for the Bal Pourpre on March 20th 1021 (as opposed to April) and finally, an end of the summer season with the last activity of July 1021.
- 2- If activities do not resume in September or if the measures do not allow for enough players to be simultaneously present: we plan to restart the virtual game for the Bal Pourpre season that will end at the ball on March 20th 1021 (as opposed to April) and end of the summer season with the last activity of July 1021.

Furthermore, since everything had been planned for the election of the scholars at the Bal Pourpre, we have decided to go ahead with the election. The election will be held online so that the new scholars are decided when play resumes. Details will be given shortly.

Finally, rumours will appear on the virtual game forum (jeu.bicolline.org) in the coming weeks. Be sure to visit the page on a regular basis and not miss anything, you never know...

We thank you for your support,

Your virtual game team!