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Vigilance

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Happy Chinese New Year!!!



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SHIRE NEWS:

Happy Birthday to Lady Cicilia Corsini who will celebrate her birthday before our next shire meeting.

Congratulations to Lord William the White and m'lady Thora of Heronter who have recently announced their engagement. They've laid claim to October 10th as their big day, so mark your calendars!

Condolences and best wishes for a speedy recovery to Lady Catherine Sheffield who slipped on the ice during the Christmas season and broke her hip.

Condolences and best wishes for a speedy recovery to Lady Katherine Robyn of Rhydderich Hael, the wife of Master Brian of Leicester. She was recently hospitalized for a serious infection.

Condolences and best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jessica of Rhydderich Hael. She was in a car accident on her way to the Storming the Castle event. The car was completely totaled. Jessica escaped with a broken nose, a bruised right leg and a minor concussion.

Condolences to the cooks for the East Kingdom's 12th Night. They prepared a meal for 300+ people and the event site announced that the site would not be opening due to the inclement weather. The event was held the following weekend. They had to re-prepare most of the meal.

The Literacy Volunteers of Chautauqua County are holding a book sale on the second Saturday of every month (which means the next one is St. Valentine's Day, Feb 14th) from 10:00 AM to 1:00PM. The location is 314 Central Avenue, Dunkirk New York, upstairs in room 204.



Why Join the SCA? -- Recently, there was a discussion on our Yahoo Group where various members explained why they joined the SCA.

From Bjorn Einarsson:

Why did you join the SCA?

I joined because of a demo. At the Scandinavian Folk Festival I saw Dorinda and she invited me to go see the demo she was a part of. There I was welcomed by Tronose who invited me to play Kubb, Cigfran who gave me a taste of mead, and Dagonell who put an axe in

my hand and let me throw it. On my second throw I knocked the target over and right then I was hooked. At the next meeting each of these people remembered me from the demo and made me welcome.

Why are you still in the SCA?

Friends. Besides those mentioned above, I dare not start listing all who shared good times and lent me gear and taught me things over the years, for fear of leaving anyone out (and because I can only spell the names of about half of you). Also numerous folks from other groups like the good Gentles from Rhydderich Hael who invited me to share their table at my first Harvest Raid.

What are you interested in?

Chivalry, that Honor is still respected, sometimes even over Victory or Rank.

Norse Culture and re-enacting it.

Trying a new activity every year.

Is there something that you want to learn?

If there is anything better than being a Viking.

How to turn lead into gold.

How to fight as a part of a unit in a field battle.

How to entertain at a bardic.

What is a favorite memory of our group?

Seeing my first induction of members into the Order of the Tart.

From Errolle Ferdnan d'Courte d'Leone de Pyrenees:

Why did you join the SCA?

Ben Cooper, Brian Tobin, Merideth the Mask Maker, Angus Long axe, Stephanie (Kiko at the time) the Baroness before Caleb, Caleb, Ivan and many others who showed me that HONOR was not DEAD

Why are you still in the SCA?

Dorinda, Brian Newman, Brian Tobin (Had to put him in still), Will, Margerite, Ned (god love him), Alan (our Brother in so many ways), oh, and a little fencing and of the other herons whom I would give my blade-yes Josh this means you too.....

What am I interested in?

Fencing, helping others including those who would make ill of me

Is there something you want to learn?

More compassion.

Rattan Symposium and Regional Practice

Shire of Blackwater, Olean New York

February 21-22, 2009 A.S. XXXXIII

Please join the Shire of Blackwater for a Rattan Symposium on February 21 and 22. Bring your sword and armour for a day of teaching and learning how to build a sword to advanced melee tactics. Classes will be catered to the students in attendance. And classes are hands on. For those who don't get enough fighting there is a regional fight practice on Sunday with a dish to pass lunch. Those without armour, fear not there will be a place to have hands on help building armour. And hopefully enough time to finish before Sunday. There will be an armour garage sale so bring extra armour you have lying around, slap a price on it and see if you can get someone else to take it home.

There will be a female fighter track for those who are in need of guidance or who need some girl time. Saturday site fee is \$7 and a \$3 non-member surcharge does apply. This includes lunch on Saturday. Sunday donations will be taken to cover hall rental. Make checks payable to SCA Inc., Blackwater.

There will be a regional fight practice in Olean NY. Sponsored by the Shire of Blackwater, on February 22nd 2009 from 10 am till 7 p.m. This will be in conjunction with their Rattan Symposium February 21st. 2009

The day is encouraged to revolve around getting to know one another with a Bear Pit Style Tourney, to be followed by pick ups between several weapon specific tourneys to round out the day. And of course there is always the possibility of some melees. So, plan coming to this ready for anything. And fight till your arms fall off!

ALL skill levels welcome and encouraged to participate. The lunch for the day will be "bring a dish to pass" pot luck.

If you would like to Head Marshal a Tourney, or have any questions related to this regional practice please contact Lord Arddenn Scot at: lordardenn@gmail.com or 585-596-0613 after 6:30 pm please. No calls after 9 pm.

If there are any questions about the Rattan Symposium contact: Autocrat, Lord Nugg (Russell Chamberlain) 1372 Lillibridge, Portville NY 14770 lordnugg@yahoo.com, 716-373-0988.

Site opens at 9:00 AM and closes at 7:00 PM. on Saturday. 12PM a lunch of pizza and wings with root beer made by Lord Nugg will be served. On Sunday,

site opens at 10 AM and closes at 7:00 PM. If you would like to teach a class, contact the Autocrat, Lord Nugg (Russell Chamberlain) 1372 Lillibridge, Portville NY 14770 lordnugg@yahoo.com, 716-373-0988.

Directions: Find your best route to Interstate 86. From the West, go east. From the East go west toward Olean. Get off at Buffalo Road. Exit from the West, turn right. Exit from the East, turn left toward town. At the second light, turn right onto 12th St/ Buffalo Road, go straight until you get to a T. At the T, turn right onto West State. At 17th St., turn left. The church is on the corner and has tan bricks.

College of Three Ravens
Barony of Thescorre – Rochester NY
February 28, 2009 A.S. XXXXIII
<http://www.thescorre.org/calendar/events/C3R2009.htm>

The Barony of Thescorre will host its annual schola on Saturday February 28, 2009 at the Ukrainian Hall 3176 St Paul Blvd., Rochester NY 14617. The event will feature a day of classes and those gentles interested in teaching should contact Lady Collette de Paris, dean of classes (585-957-2927 or email at website).

The adult day fee of \$10 includes lunch (children under 15 - \$5, babe in arms are free) There is a family cap of \$30 for site only. A \$3 non member surcharge will be collected at the door for adults without proof of membership.

This site has a bar serving beer and wine. Please do not bring in alcoholic beverages. Site is handicap accessible and has a large parking lot.

Feast will be prepared by Lady Nezhah bint Saleem. Adult feast is \$7 (children under 15 - \$3.50).

Please send reservations to Suzanne of Schloss Von Tannenaker and Richard von Tanner (Susan and Richard Fink): 6385 N Lake Road. Bergen NY 14416 (585-494-2574 or email at website)

Checks are to made payable to SCA Inc – Barony of Thescorre. For further information or questions, please contact the autocrat, Roberta McMorland (585-442-2993 or email at website)

The Chinese Humane Society humbly wishes to report that no Imperial Chinese Dragons were harmed in the production of this newsletter.

***The Festival of the Passing
of the Ice Dragon***

Barony of the Rhydderich Hael
The WNY Event Center
All Under One Roof!
Saturday March 28th, 2009
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***"ITS GOING TO BE ONE
FLOOPING BIG, FUN LOVING,
ELEGANT BEASTIE"
-UNKNOWN HAEL SCHOLAR***



As the end of October nears , we can feel the Ice Dragon's breath upon the lands of our beloved Aethelmearc. With each rush of it mighty wings we can feel the great winds. Soon our lands will be covered with the ice and snow that The Ice Dragon brings with it. Aye, winter can be beautiful, but the hope of Spring is always on the edge of our thoughts. After a winter of indoor events, fighting and fencing indoors, and all that comes with those long winter months we will all be looking forward to Spring and the passing of the Ice Dragon from our lands.

We will celebrate that day with the Annual Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon on Saturday March 28, 2008 in a brand new venue; The WNY event Center. Why is this so exciting? First of all, Ice Dragon will be under one roof and secondly there will be ample parking spaces very close to the massive building. Thirdly, and maybe most importantly, it is symbolic of Ice Dragon's rebirth. We are taking the best of all the Ice Dragons that came before and adding some new twists, activities and new looks. Let this be a celebration of all the great things Aethelmearc has to show and share it with our cousins from nearby Kingdoms.

The Pageantry, pomp and circumstance that have always made Ice Dragon the jewel of the Kingdom shall be

welcomed, cultivated and encouraged. May the halls be filled with banners, sheet walls, and decorations reflecting the many lands and people of the Known World. Let the songs and stories of bards fill the air. Let there be laughter, joy and good conversation between good friends and comrades. Bring your picnic baskets, toast with your drinks and celebrate spring and all it has to offer us happy SCA-dians. The Passing of the Ice Dragon is that time to rejoice, fondly remember the joys from winter when cousin did not see cousin due to harsh elements that impeded travel. Let this festival be a time of joy to celebrate the camping events, and great field battles to come.

Ice Dragon will host the one of the greatest displays of A&S in the known world in the famous "Pent". Rattan, fencing and thrown weapons will be part of Ice Dragon. Plans are in the works to add a twist or two to make this year even more exciting. Just a hint, we suggest that the heavy weapons and fencers pass the word to members from other Kingdoms and make some challenges. There could be some Kingdom pride on the line.

We encourage entertainment, music and dance and will make sure that the great gathering areas will have access and accommodate these pursuits. So far we have the "Open Horn Bardic Stage" already planned. Just check that link for details. A Post court Dance Party is in the plans, and there will be games for children and adults. More fun to come so keep checking back.

The Ice Dragon Food Tavern will be open for business as always. We have also listed nearby restaurants and grocery stores. Just check the site map buttons in the left hand column. We encourage people to bring food and stay and feast outboard style.

This is just the beginning. More info to come.

Upcoming Calendar – includes non-SCA events of interest

JANUARY

Jan. 25th -- Heraldry Breakfast at Golden Griddle, 10AM

<http://www.heronter.org/contact.shtml#Griddle>

Jan. 26th -- Happy Chinese New Year, Year of the Cow (4707)

Jan. 29th -- Shire Meeting. Potluck???

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1st -- Superbowl Sunday

Feb. 2nd -- Groundhog Day / Imbolc

<http://www.groundhog.org>

Feb. 4th -- Cicilia Corsini's Birthday

Feb. 5th -- Shire Meeting

Feb. 7th -- Seven Deadly Sins at Delftwood

<http://seven-deadly-sins.delftwood.org>

Feb. 12th -- Shire Meeting

Feb. 13th -- Friday the 13th! Beware!

Feb. 14th -- St. Valentine's Day

Feb. 14th -- Literacy Volunteers of Chautauqua Book Sale (see page 2)

Feb. 16th -- President's Day

Feb. 18th -- No more analog TV, All TV stations now using digital only

Feb. 19th -- Shire Meeting

Feb. 21st -- Rattan Symposium at Blackwater

<http://www.heronter.org/Events/rattan.symposium.html>

Feb. 22nd -- Regional Practice at Blackwater

<http://www.heronter.org/Events/rattan.symposium.html>

Feb. 22nd -- Heraldry Breakfast at Golden Griddle, 10AM

<http://www.heronter.org/contact.shtml#Griddle>

Feb. 24th -- Mardi Gras

Feb. 25th -- Ash Wednesday

Feb. 26th -- Shire Meeting / Potluck

Feb 28th -- College of Three Ravens at Thescorre

<http://www.thescorre.org/calendar/events/C3R2009.htm>

MARCH

Mar. 5th -- Shire Meeting

Mar. 12th -- Shire Meeting

Mar. 17th -- St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 19th -- Shire Meeting

Mar. 26th -- Shire Meeting / Potluck

Mar. 28th -- Ice Dragon 2009

<http://www.ice-dragon.info>

Mar. 29th -- Heraldry Breakfast at Golden Griddle, 10AM

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