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*Twelfth Night Revels in the Great Hall; Hadden Hall, Derbyshire
from Architecture of the Middle Ages by Joseph Nash (1838)*

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SHIRE NEWS

Congratulations to Duke Marcus Eisenwald for finishing in a tie for first place in the Blood Brothers tournament at Hallowtide.

Congratulations to Lord Bjorn Einarrson for qualifying with fencing dagger at Hallowtide.

Congratulations to the *Emerald Lake Puppet Theater* who performed “The Ogre’s Staircase”, a Japanese folk tale for the Princess’ High Tea at Hallowtide.

Congratulations to Dona Dorinda, Lord Bjorn, Duke Marcus and Baroness Marguerite who were all invited to sit at high table at Hallowtide.

Best Wishes to Jodi Harkavy of Rhydderich Hael as she under goes physical therapy for her recent stroke.

Best Wishes to Lord Fadl of Rhydderich Hael who recently started chemotherapy.

Congratulations to Mistress Gabrielle of Rhydderich Hael who was on Channel 7 News on Veteran’s Day promoting the Tell-a-bration Storytelling Event on November 20th.

Congratulations to Lynne Wahlstom whose name and device have both been registered by the heralds. You may now call her m’lady Bella Cavalleri.

The Shire of Heronter has just joined the 21st century. We now have an official facebook page, with over fifty friends! The link is <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Shire-of-Heronter/173320382687472>

To All My Readers, regardless of whatever winter festival you celebrate, may it be peaceful and joyous for you and your family. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Blessed Yule

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Greetings, fellow chroniclers,

I'm currently working on a new project called the Aethelmearc Travel Guide. My goal is to contact every group in the kingdom and ask them to write up an article about what makes their group special or unique and include things like history, traditions, and signature events, or anything else you'd like the kingdom to know about your group.

These articles will run in The Aestel and I'll be sharing the information we collect with the kingdom historian. This a great opportunity to let the kingdom get to know your group a little better and preserve our glorious history at the same time.

I have sent out individual emails to chroniclers and seneschals and have gotten several replies. A number of groups are now working on this project. I'd like to have 5 or 6 articles in hand before they start running in The Aestel to minimize the likelihood of an interruption in the series.

If you are one of the chroniclers who have responded to this request, I thank you. If you haven't responded yet, I encourage you to do so. If you're one of those whose emails keep bouncing then I invite you to join this project now.

Anyone interested in helping with this may contact via email at ravenstyx@yahoo.com or by phone at 304- 886-1234.

In Service,

THL Hrefna Ulfvarinnsdottir
Shire of Sylvan Glen

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Q: Which side of the knight's warhorse has the most hair?

A: The outside!

Q: Why was Medieval England known as the Dark Ages?

A: Because there were so many knights!

Greetings from THLady Katla, Arts and Sciences officer for the Shire of Sunderoak,

Pray hear my words and know them to be true. From the largest baronies to the smallest canton, the Kingdom of AEthelmarc has the most talented artisans in the knowne world! The Shire of Sunderoak would like to challenge all groups, all artisans, of all levels to enter Ice Dragon!

Here is your chance to show and share your art with others. Are you new to the SCA? Great! Please come and share with us what has inspired your love of an art or a science! Have you been a member for (mumble, mumble) years? Try something new! Something old! Show us what you've got! No art is too grand or too modest to take part in this grand display of artistic endeavor.

Are you afraid of competition, not sure how to get started or what to prepare for? There is ample help to make entering Ice Dragon not so scary. Visit the Kingdom A&S website, <http://www.aeans.org/>, and the Ice Dragon website, for information on entering, documentation, research and more!

How does this challenge work? Unlike Ice Dragon this is not open to individuals, only official SCA groups. It will also not be judged on scores. The winning group will be the one with the most participation. If your shire has 5 members and all 5 enter you have 100% participation, if you have 100 members and only five enter well, you won't win the competition, but there are no real losers in this endeavor either.

Besides bragging rights - what do you get if your group rises to the top? The members of the Shire of Sunderoak have agreed to toil and sweat whilst they make a heraldic silk banner for the winning barony, shire or canton. To sweeten the pot, there has also been an anonymous \$50 donation to fund a post competition celebration.

I have seen much skill among the artisans of this Great Kingdom and know there are many more with hidden talents please join us and share with us the wonders of your knowledge and skill! Let us help inspire each other to greater levels!

Consider the gauntlet thrown; I look forward to seeing you at Ice Dragon! -- Katla



Oyez! Oyez! Oyez! Their Royal Majesties Duncan and Ilish are happy to invite one and all to a gathering of the Kingdom! **The Æthelmearc Twelfth Night Celebration** will be hosted by the Shire of Gryffyn's Keep with permission in The Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands on January 8, 2011. Æthelmearc pride and celebrating a Kingdom of amazing

individuals is the theme for the day. Banners, Standards and Æthelmearc colors are all welcomed and encouraged. Attendees will have an opportunity to vote in an Æthelmearc Pride Arts and Sciences competition. Prizes will be given to the winners of three general categories. The categories are open to interpretation but entries will be grouped into Food and drink, Wearable, and Viewable. A Bardic Competition will be held throughout the day with the winner singing for their supper. The winner and a guest will join their Majesties at high table for the evening's activities and feast for free.

A light Lunch and amazing Feast will be prepared by Maestra Tomasia da Collivento and will surely delight all who attend. Lunch is included in the site fee and feast will be provided at a cost of \$8.00 for adults and anyone 13 yrs. or older, ages 12 – 6 are half priced and children 5 and under eat for free. Please contact Maestra Tomasia (Tammy Crawford) maestratomasia@yahoo.com or 412-983-0446 with any dietary concerns. Seating for the feast is limited to 100 individuals so reserve early if you plan to attend. Please remember, the only reservation is a paid reservation.

This event will be held at the Unity Community Church, 215 Unity Center Road, Plum Borough PA 15239 on Saturday January 8th 2011. The site opens at 9:00am and will close at 9:00pm. Troll will be open for business from 9:00am until 3:00pm. To help speed up everyone's check-in, reservations are strongly encouraged and should be sent ASAP to the Head Troll, Lady Niahm bean Bran

O'Labhradha (Diana Lowery) thecampingcelts@yahoo.com or (724) 550-6157, 109 Greenwood Blvd. Connellsville PA 15425. Costs for this event are Adults \$8.00, Children (6-17) \$6.00 and children under 5 are free. (Family Cap \$28) A non-member surcharge of \$5.00 will be added for non-SCA members. Please make checks payable to SCA Inc. – Shire of Gryffyn's Keep.

This is a dry site, no pets are allowed (registered service dogs are permitted), smoking is permitted in DESIGNATED OUTSIDE AREAS ONLY. Open flames are permitted at dinner. Merchant space is limited so please RSVP ASAP if you plan to attend so an area can be set aside for you. This is a handicapped accessible site. Any individuals who may need assistance should please plan to preregister and inform us of your condition at that time so we may make any necessary arraignments for your comfort.

Contact the autocrat for the day, Lord Thomas Lestrage (Tom Butts) thomas.t.butts@gmail.com or (412) 398-3808, 4655 Marjorie Drive , Murrysville, PA 15668 with any questions. Crash space is very limited but discounted Hotel Rooms are available at the Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road Penn Hills PA 15235 for \$69 per night that include a full hot breakfast. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE UNDER THE SCA GROUP RATE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 15 at (412) 244-1600

Directions:

North and West: Take I-76 E / PA TURNPIKE toward PITTSBURGH. Take EXIT 48 toward PA-28 / NEW KENSINGTON / PITTSBURGH. Turn right and merge onto FREEPORT RD. Go 1.4 miles and turn LEFT onto HULTON BRIDGE / YELLOW BELT. Continue to follow YELLOW BELT for 1.8 miles and turn RIGHT at the fork to go on HULTON RD / YELLOW BELT. Go 2.1 miles and stay STRAIGHT onto MILLTOWN RD. Go 1.0 mile until MILLTOWN RD becomes LEECHBURG RD. Go an additional 0.3 mile and turn RIGHT onto UNITY CENTER ROAD. Go 0.2 miles Site is on your left

South and East: Take I-76 W / PA TURNPIKE to EXIT 57, toward MONROEVILLE / PITTSBURGH. Stay straight and merge onto I-376 W / US-22 W toward PITTSBURGH. Go 3.1 miles and take first exit RODI RD via EXIT 81 toward PENN HILLS. Go 2.0 miles and turn RIGHT onto PA-380 / FRANKSTOWN RD / YELLOW BELT. Go 1.5 miles and turn RIGHT onto PA-380 / SALTSBURG RD. Go 50 yards and turn SLIGHT LEFT onto LEECHBURG RD. Go 1.8 miles and turn RIGHT to stay on LEECHBURG RD. Go 0.3 miles turn RIGHT onto UNITY CENTER RD. Go 0.2 miles Site is on your left.

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Chardwardon with St. Swithin's Crème by Dagonell

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| 8-10 firm, ripe pears | 1 cup water |
| 1 lemon, room temperature | 1/8 tsp. salt |
| 3/4 cup sugar | 2 cups heavy whipping cream |
| 1/4 tsp. cinnamon | 10 yellow dandelion flowers |
| 1/4 tsp. nutmeg | Black bread |
| 3/4 tsp. ginger | Sharp cheddar cheese, diced |

Traditionally, this dish should be served on St. Swithin's Day, July 15th, but we find it's a great way to preserve the last of the summer pear harvest, so we serve it as a winter festival dish.

Core and dice 8-10 pears. Some people only quarter them the long way, core and peel them, and briefly cook them so the pear retains it shape. My wife and I prefer to cook them right down to pear chutney. Add pears, water, salt, sugar and spices to a pot and slowly simmer down to sauce. Halve the lemon, squeeze the juice into the pot and put the lemon rind aside.

Whip the cream until it peaks. In each of four bowls, put one slice of black bread and a handful of chunks of cheese. Dish the pear sauce over the cheese and top with whipped cream. Grate lemon peel onto the whipped cream and serve immediately. Serves 4.

Lemon peel on whipped cream? Yes. It's divine the first hour, merely exquisite the second, and must be pitched afterward. If you actually do serve this dish on St. Swithin's Day, it's traditionally served with a sprinkle of dandelion petals.

Come One, Come All!

Join the Shire in its annual 12th Night celebration being held at the First Presbyterian Church (<http://www.heronter.org/contact.shtml#Business> for directions)



Don your best garb and raise your banner in the main hall. There will be heavy combat and fencing available and many festive games going on throughout the day. We will have dancing and a chance for you to go on the sly to get the gift you want out of the Chinese Gift Exchange (Bring a gift to get a gift).

The Emerald Lake Puppet Theatre will be doing encore presentations of their recent new shows, Herr Schumacher and the Vertically Challenged Members of Leatherworkers' Guild Local 342 which debuted at *Harvest Raid*, and The Ogre's Staircase, a folk tale of ancient Japan which was first performed at Princess' Tea at *Hallowtide*.

A potluck will be held around 5pm. Please be on the look out for the sign up sheets on our Yahoo Group. There will be a dessert contest and of course, king cakes to choose our next Lord or Lady of Misrule.

The Site will open at 9am and cleanup will begin at 9pm. We will be starting around noonish. If you won't be there to help setup, please bring your banner to the meeting on the 13th so we can hang it in the hall. If you are available to help with set up or clean up please come and help us deck the halls and feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

-- Lord Lothan Virarsson vikarsson@yahoo.com



**Greetings to one and all
from Augusto Giuseppe da
San Donato and all of the
Rhydderich Hael.**

I have once again been honored with the ability to autocrat The Festival for the Passing of the Ice Dragon in the spring of 2011. The actual date is March 26th 2011 and it will be held at the Connecticut Street Armory, 187 Connecticut St. Buffalo,

NY 14201, the same location as last year.

We are making, what we hope, to be some great changes in the layout and overall structure of this year's event. All of your comments have been read, logged, and charted so that this year's staff knows precisely what is desired by their department.

The tavern is getting a long overdue face lift by Her Ladyship Ysabeau Tiercelin, The merchants' row is under the direction of Lady Murigel Ingen Ghoilla Chomhgail, the Pentathlon is under the guidance of Maitresse Yvianne de Castel d'Avignon and is looking to be one of the best ever.

These are just a few of the officers of Ice Dragon, if you wish to know more of the changes and plans of the rest of the staff including the skinny on the tournaments look to the Æstel. Each month there will be an article or two from each officer describing why you should not miss this year's Festival for the Passing of the Ice dragon.

These articles will also be available on the Events web-site: "<http://www.ice-dragon.info/>" along with news of contests, challenges, displays and more.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the Rhydderich Hael For another exciting Ice Dragon,

Yours In Service,
Augusto Giuseppe da San Donato (Autocrat)

Upcoming Calendar – includes non-SCA events of interest

JANUARY

January 1st – New Year’s Day

January 6th – Epiphany (Twelfth Night)

January 8th – AEthelmearc Twelfth Night (Shire of Gryffin’s Keep)

January 15th – Heronter Twelfth Night

(<http://www.heronter.org/Events/12thnight2011.html>)

FEBRUARY

February 2nd – Groundhog Day

February 3rd – Chinese New Year

February 5th – Winter Gathering (Dominion of Myrkfaelinn)

February 10th – Keinwen’s Birthday

February 12th – Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday

February 12th – Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins (Barony of Delftwood)

February 14th – Valentine’s Day

February 22nd – George Washington’s Birthday

February 26th – College of Three Ravens (Barony of Thescore)

February 26th – Three Bears Event (Shire of Stormsport)

MARCH

March 8th – Mardi Gras

March 9th – Ash Wednesday

March 12th – Bjorn’s Birthday

March 13th – Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 14th – Pi Day (3.14)

March 17th – St. Patrick’s Day

March 20th – Purim

March 20th – Spring Equinox

March 26th – Ice Dragon (Barony of Rhydderich Hael)

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

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Q: What do you call the castle servant whose duties include feeding the captive dragon?

A: The appetizer!

Q: What do dragons have that no other animal has?

A: Baby dragons!

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