

The Vigilance

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Ice Dragon 2009 is Coming!!!: See Page 12
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Shire News

Belated Happy Birthday to Lady Keinven whose birthday was last month.

Happy Birthday to Lord Bjorn who will be celebrating on March 12th

Happy Birthday to Lady Leonor who will be celebrating on April 1st.

Happy Birthday to Lord Dagonell who will be celebrating on April 4

Condolences to the family of Lady Dynahara of Rhydderich Hael who passed away last month.

Condolences to the family of Lord “Papa” Thorgrim of Rhydderich Hael who passed away last month.

Congratulations to Lady Merideth Maskmasker of Rhydderich Hael whose leatherwork graced the cover of Artvoice’s Mardi Gras issue last month!



The “Men in Tights” contest from Shire 12th Night.

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Heronter's Twelfth Night Celebration

On Saturday, January 24, the Shire of Heronter held their annual Twelfth Night celebration at the First Presbyterian Church, autocratted by Lord Antonio. It was one of the most well-attended Twelfth Nights in recent memory. Not only did members invite friends to check out the SCA, but the entire staff of Wild Rose Renaissance Fair was invited to join us as our honored guests. Many of them drove over five hours to attend our event.

The morning and early afternoon were spent doing what scadians do best... schmoozing! For the martially inclined, armored combat and fencing took place in the basement. For the more peaceful among us, the competitions at the back of the hall ranged from period chess for two to not-so-period Munchkin for eight.

Lord Lothin passed out the King cakes and our Queen of Misrule for the evening was chosen. It was Rachel, one of our guests. She was crowned with a wreath of plastic ivy and holly and quickly got into the swing of things by ordering all the lords wearing tights to show off their legs while the assembled ladies of the hall picked a "Best Looking Legs" winner. Random gentles were called upon to perform bardic pieces for the hall or do silly stunts.

Among the day's entertainment, the Emerald Lake Puppet Theatre did an encore performance of the shows they put on at Harvest Raid. The audience was entertained with two different plays, The Magic Mushrooms and The Magic Hat. The audience might not have been able to pay the expensive admission fee of half-pence or four pins, however the Queen of Misrule and Duchess Dorinda graciously gave largess of pins and pennies to the crowd mere moments before the performance began. The puppeteers for the evening; Lord William the White, Lord Bjorn Einarsson, Lady Veronica D'Artusio, and Lord Dagonell the Juggler gave a well-applauded performance.

The potluck feast was not quite potluck as the autocrat had gentles sign up in specific categories

so we had no shortages and enough for all. There was also an extensive sideboard available during the day that seemed to be a little chocolate heavy, not that anyone objected to this not-quite-period confection. The food was plentiful, hot and some dishes were even period. There was more than enough for anyone to have seconds.

The feasters were offered a small token gift of a handmade, colored votive candle from a couple who have recently started making their own candles. They gave away nearly four dozen candles. The real entertainment during feast was the admission of new members to the shire's notorious and unofficial Order of the Tart. For those who are not from Heronter, the Tarts are a "Person I'd Most Like to Receive a Cloved Orange From" order. The current members of the order called up two candidates to join them this year, Lady Brigitte and Lord Jacob. Brigitte was admitted for not only for showing off her own cleavage, but assisting other ladies in creating cleavage displaying garb. Jacob was admitted for his willingness to remove his shirt while doing any form of manual labor. Upon being admitted to the order, he promptly removed his shirt!

After the feast was the Dreaded Chinese Gift Exchange. Each gentle who participated brought a wrapped present, all of which were piled on the back tables. Each participant was given a ticket. As tickets were drawn, gentles had the option of opening a gift, or taking an already-opened gift away from someone else. The person who had their gift stolen received the ticket to be redrawn at a later time. As the drawing went on, many gifts changed hands many times before arriving in the hands of their final owners.

After the Chinese auction, the feast tables were put away and dancing began. Four out of five dancers polled said that more men needed to dance. It should be noted that when the poll was taken, Lord William the White was dancing with four ladies in a circle dance. There was also more schmoozing until it was time to leave. Many of our guests had a five-hour drive still ahead of them. All in all, a highly

A Pottage of Pasternaks (A 12th Night Recipe)
Redaction by Dagonell the Juggler
With notes from Duke Cariadoc of the Bow

Original:

The Forme of Cury (c.1390), pg 12,

#v. Rapes in Potage.

Take rapus and make hem clene, and waiSSH hem clene. quare hem. pboile hem, take hem up. cast hem in a gode broth and seey hem. mynce Oynouns and cast yto Safron and Salt, and messe it forth with powdou douce. In the wise make of pasturnak and skyrwt.

Translation:

#5 Turnips in Potage.

Take turnips and make them clean, and wash them clean. Quarter them. Parboil them, take them up. Cast them in a good broth and seeth them. Mince onions and cast thereto saffron and salt and mix it forth with sweet powders. In likewise manner, make pasternaks and skirrets.

Notes:

Saffron is literally more valuable than gold as it is hand picked and sold by the thread. For a dish with this many flavors, it would be little more than a coloring agent. I skipped it. Pasternaks are a family of root vegetables including turnips, parsnips, carrots and rutebegas. According to the OED, skirrets are "a species of water parsnip, formerly much cultivated in Europe for its esculent tubers." Cariadoc says he's never seen them for sale. I've never heard of them before.

Since I was making this for a shire potluck, I doubled all his amounts. Next time I won't use quite so many onions. He used chicken broth for his stew. I wanted something for the vegans, so I used vegetable broth. It went over quite well with the vegans and was even better the next day. This dish is period, cheap, hot, good and filling, an excellent feast menu choice.

Redaction:

- 1 rutebega (~ 1 lb.)
- 3 turnips (~ 1 lb.)
- 1 bunch carrots (~ 1 lb.)
- 2 quarts vegetable broth
- 1-1/2 lbs of onions
- 4 teaspoons salt
- 4 teaspoons sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon ginger

Peel and dice the root vegetables. Cover with water and set to boil for 20 minutes. Peel and quarter onions. Drain root vegetables, add the onions and vegetable broth and bring to a boil. Stir in salt, sugar, cinnamon and ginger. Boil for another 20 minutes or until vegetables are soft and liquid has thickened slightly.



“The Chess Master in Deep Thought”

All photos in this issue were taken at Heronter’s Twelfth Night Celebration by Julie Smith of Wild Rose Renaissance Faire.

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The rest of Julie’s photos of the event may be seen at:

<http://www.heronter.org/Photos/12Night2009>

What Happens When Three Bards Gather In a Tavern? March 7th , Dominion of Myrkfaelinn



On Saturday March 7th, from 10am-6pm, the people of Myrkfaelinn will be hosting a Bardic event with a Tavern theme. What happens when three bards walk into a bar? I'm not sure, but you can bet there will be music, stories, and a lot of laughter. If you're an experienced Bard, would like to try it, or just enjoy rubbing elbows with those great folks that keep us entertained, than this is the event for you. More of a fighter? We've got that!

Looking for something more quiet and artsy? We'll also be holding a Scriptorium! and, as always, we'll have some great activities for the little ones!

There will be no feast for this event. Instead, we'll be offering an all day Tavern theme sidebar!

Event Autocrat is Lady Magdalena de Mayfeld (May Lovelace, 423 E. Lincoln Street, Ithaca NY 14850 (607) 279-0125, mrlovelace34@gmail.com) who may also be contacted with any dietary concerns.

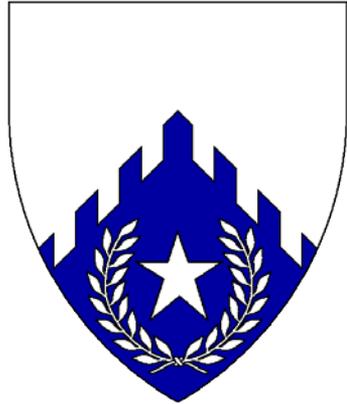
Cost for this event is \$8.00 for the day, plus \$3.00 Non-Member Surcharge for those appearing without a card. (12 and under are half price, babes-in-arms are free). There is a family cap of \$35. No reservations are being accepted. This event will take place at Risley Hall on the Cornell University campus (515 Thurston Ave, Ithaca, NY 14850). The site is dry and open flames are prohibited.

Directions: Follow Route 13 to Ithaca and take the Triphammer Road exit at the top of the hill. Head southeast on N Triphammer Rd for just under 1 mile. At the stop sign make a left onto Hanshaw Rd and immediately turn right at Klinewoods Rd/Triphammer Rd. Continue on Triphammer Rd. At the stop sign turn left onto Wait Ave. Risley hall will be the brick building directly ahead of you at the next stop sign.

NOTE: For those who have visited this site before, please note that, due to a new security system, NO door may propped open for ANY period of time. Troll will be set up near the front doors to assist with entrance to the facility.

Stormsport's Feast of the Bears

By popular demand, the Shire of Stormsport is happy to announce the return of the "Bears Event" on March 14th, 2009. The site is the same as last year's winter event- St. Teresa's Catholic Church, 9 Third Avenue, Union City, PA 16438. The site opens at 9am and closes at 9pm.



Heavy weapons fighters will compete to determine the winners of both a bear pit and a double elimination tournament. The bear pit will begin as soon as the second round of the double elimination tournament has ended. The winner of the double elimination tournament will receive an invitation to the Amethyst Tournament to be held later in the year.

Our Feastocrat from last year's event, Tracie of Stormsport (Tracie Whitney, phone 814-218-9865 or e-mail traciewhitney@yahoo.com, please include FEAST in the subject line), will be returning to cook another excellent lunch and feast. Please contact her with any dietary or allergy concerns. Feast is limited to 60 gentles, so please reserve early.

There will be an Arts & Sciences competition with a winner chosen by popular vote. We also plan to have merchants, a silent auction, a few classes, and maybe even dancing. Anyone wishing to teach a class or merchant at the event, or anyone with questions or requests, can contact the Autocrat, Lord Caelan Ó Ruairc (Randy Hurlburt), 21 Perry St., Union City, PA 16438, caelanoruairc@verizon.net, 814-438-9355.

Site fees for the event are \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 5-12, and children under 5 are free. This includes a sideboard lunch. An additional \$3.00 non-member surcharge will be collected at the door. Feast fees are \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 5-12. Please send reservations to Lady Ciara O'Crotaigh (Char Smith), 1007 W. Grandview Blvd, Erie, PA 16509, charsmith@verizon.net. Please make checks payable to SCA, Inc. – Shire of Stormsport.

The site is wet, but no open flames, please. For a full schedule of the day's activities and further details, please check the Stormsport Web site at www.stormsport.org/subpages/events.html.

Directions:

From North: Take your best route to I-90 West and take Exit 41 in North East, PA. Turn left onto Route 89 South. After about 13 miles, PA-89 S joins with Route 8. Continue following Route 8 for another 8 miles into Union City. At the first traffic light, turn right onto West High Street. Follow this for two blocks, then turn right onto 2nd Avenue. After one block, turn left.

From South & West: Take your best route to I-79 North and take Exit 166 for Edinboro, PA. Turn right onto US Route 6N, which becomes US Route 6. Follow this until it intersects with PA Route 8 (approximately 19 miles). Turn left onto PA-8. Go through two stop lights, and at the third light turn left onto West High Street. Follow this for two blocks, then turn right onto 2nd Avenue. After one block, turn left.

From the East: Take your best route to Route 6 and go west. Follow until you reach the intersection with Route 8 in Union City. Go straight through the stop light, onto West High Street. Follow this for two blocks, then turn right onto 2nd Avenue. After one block, turn left.



The Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon March 28, 2009 – Rhydderich Hael

Good Gentles of fair and sovereign Aethelmearc and unto the known world do I Augusto Giuseppie da San Donato send greetings and word of The Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon. Now that the snow and ice are building up outside of your homes this is the perfect time to be thinking of the Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon. This year the Festival is being held one week later than in the past, on March 28, 2009, to avoid any undue conflicts with other events and to get back to the original date and concept of the event.

The Festival is being held at a brand new site this year. A single building site. I might add! The new site is the Western New York Event Center, locate at 10995 Main St. in Clarence, New York 14031. The site opens at 9 am and closes at 10 pm.

Costs for the event are as follows: If you Preregister: Adult - \$12.00, Youth 6-12 yrs. - \$6.00. At the Door: Adult - \$15, Youth - \$7. Children under 6 years are free at all times. There will be a \$3 non-member surcharge. Make checks payable to Barony of the Rhydderich Hael, SCA, Inc. The Reservations Clerk is Morwenna Everdon (J. Human), P.O. Box 607, Lockport, New York 14095, morwennaeverdon@AOL.com, 716-622-4680 (no calls after 9 pm). THE autocrat is Augusto Giuseppie da San Donato (Joseph R. Piselli, Jr.), 345 N. Forest Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221, bladenjoe@roadrunner.com, 716574-4411 (no calls after 9 pm).

There will be no feast, however a tavern will be open for all throughout the day. A menu will be posted as the date draws nearer.

The Pentocrat this year is Mistress Rhiannon and her web-site is http://www.lightlink.com/rhiannon/Ice_Dragon_09/Ice_Dragon09_HOME.html
Please visit the Ice Dragon web Site for further information and regular updates:
www.ice-dragon.info

Directions: From points east: make your best route to the I-90 exit 48A. proceed towards Rt-77/Pembroke/Medina. turn right. onto RT-77(south), (Allegheny Rd.) turn right (west) onto SR-5 (Main Rd./St.) for 9 miles. site will be on your left side. From all points west, south, or Canada: Make your way to I-90, exit 49, turn left (north) on to Transit rd, (SR-78) turn right (east) 1.3 miles onto Main St. SR-5. Travel 6.3 miles into Clarence, NY. site will be on your right side.



The Vigilance: The ‘good parts’ version of The AEstel!

**Coronation of
Maynard II and Liadhain I
April 18, 2009**

Come one; come all to the Canton of Beau Fleuve to witness the graceful passing of Christopher and Morgen and the triumphant ascension of Maynard and Liadhain!! Our event is to be held St. John LaSalle Church, 8469 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14304. The site opens at 9 am and closes at 10 pm. The event is discreetly damp, has plenty of parking and is handicapped accessible.



Candles are allowed at feast. Please, no pets allowed – working animals welcome. The autocrats are THL Jenna Macpherson (Carole Goranson 39 Manser Drive Amherst NY 14226 or email to jennamacpherson@msn.com) and Mistress Cori 716-523-7353. Our Head Cook is Mistress Gierny Thorgrimsdottir (Kim Viелlette). If you have dietary questions please email her at geirnythorgrimsdottir@yahoo.com Special meat dishes will be created by Lord Drugar Mensch

Reservations for feast are limited so please reserve early by no later than April 8th. Reservations will be taken by Edith of Winterton Caroline Elliott, 38 East Chateau Terrace, Amherst, NY 14226. Make checks payable to SCA, Inc. - Beau Fleuve. Remember the only good reservation is a paid reservation!

The prices are as follows: Onboard: Adults - \$18.00, children 6-17, half price, 5 and under - free . Off and Outboard - Adults \$9.00 children 6-17, half price, 5 and under - free. Non member fees of \$3 are extra and will be collected at the door.

The site fee does include lunch and we appreciate those who reserve for off and out board to help us plan for lunch.

Heavy weapons and Youth fighting are included in the program. We will also hold an A&S competition for all ages!! More information on the A&S competition to follow. Brewers you are not forgotten! The site is discretely damp. Merchants are to contact Jenna.

Directions:

From Buffalo: take the I-190 North**over the Grand Island bridges. Exit at Buffalo Ave. Turn right and follow Buffalo Avenue to the Church. It will be on the right.

From the East: Take the I-90 to the I-290 to I-190 North. Follow from ** above.

From Canada: Take the Queenston-Lewiston Bridge to the I-190. Exit at Buffalo Avenue to the Church. There will be signs.



Upcoming Calendar – includes non-SCA events of interest

MARCH

Mar. 5th -- Shire Meeting

Mar. 7th -- A Gathering of the Bards (Myrkfaelinn)

<http://myrkfaelinn.aethelmearc.org/events/2009-03.html>

Mar. 8th -- Daylight Savings Time begins (Spring Ahead!)

Mar. 12th -- Bjorn's Birthday

Mar. 12th -- Shire Meeting

Mar. 13th -- Friday the 13th, Beware!

Mar. 14th -- Feast of the Bears (Stormsport)

<http://www.stormsport.org/subpages/Events.html>

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

Mar. 19th -- Shire Meeting

Mar. 20th -- Spring Equinox

Mar. 21st -- Ostara

Mar. 26th -- Shire Meeting / Potluck

Mar. 28th -- Ice Dragon 2009 (Rhydderich Hael)

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

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

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

APRIL

Apr. 1st -- April Fool's Day

Apr. 1st -- Leonor's Birthday

Apr. 2nd -- Shire Meeting

Apr. 4th -- Dagonell's Birthday

Apr. 5th -- Palm Sunday

Apr. 8th -- Passover begins

Apr. 9th -- Shire Meeting

Apr. 10th -- Good Friday

Apr. 12th -- Easter

Apr. 13th -- Dyngus Day

<http://www.dyngusdaybuffalo.com>

Apr. 16th -- Shire Meeting

Apr. 16th -- Passover ends

Apr. 18th -- Spring Coronation (Beau Fleuve)

http://www.geocities.com/thecoribird/Canton_of_Beau_Fleuve.html

Apr. 22nd -- Earth Day

Apr. 23rd -- Shire Meeting

Apr. 23rd -- William Shakespeare's Birthday (1564)

Apr. 26th -- Heraldry Breakfast

Apr. 30th -- Shire Meeting / Potluck

Apr. 30th -- Beltane

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