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**Heronter's Twelfth Night Queen of Misrule
Lady Leonor Farfan**

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SHIRE NEWS

Deepest Condolences to the family of Baroness Tatyana the Khushka of BMDL (Lesley Arnett Tujague) who passed away on January 4th, 2010.

Deepest Condolences to the family of Vicountess Rannveigr Haakonardottir of Stormsport (Mary Ellen Reitz, MD) who passed away on January 26th, 2010

Congratulations to Lord Avarga and Lady Kellie of Rhydderich Hael on the birth of Margaret Esther Mondschein, January 27, 2010, 2:03AM, 7lbs 2.4oz.

Heronter Twelfth Night Photos may be found at:

www.flickr.com/photos/Dagonell

Congratulations to our “new” officers; Seneschal – THL Antonio de Luna, Chronicler – Lord Dagonell Collingwood, Archery Marshal – Lady Sabina de Lyons, Knight Marshal – Lord Ian Kennoven, Thrown Weapons Marshal – THL Antonio de Luna

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

SCA Discount! – Fredonia State is presenting a Bunraku production of The Hobbit on Friday March 12 at 7PM. Think Japanese puppet opera (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bunraku>). The SCA has been offered a 1/3 off discount for tickets, \$8 per person instead of \$12. Send e-mail to dagonell@hotmail.com for details.

Congratulations to Lord Cynwyl “Badger” MacDaire on the publication of his Compleat Anachronist booklet on Slings. He will be autographing copies at Ice Dragon.

Happy Birthday to Lady Leonor Farfan who will be celebrating on April 1st [Hmmm, that explains a lot of things! :D]

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

Happy Birthday to Aaron the Swift who will be celebrating on April 11th.

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Come one, Come All,
To our Yule Hall,
We'll fence. We'll
fight and
Feast on roast beast.
There'll be games and
dance,
And king cakes with a
chance
To be Lord of
Misrule:
The leader of fools
For a day



Heronter's Twelfth Night was held on Saturday, January 16th at First Presbyterian Church, our usual meeting site. While the event didn't officially open until noon, a fair number of gentles were on site by 10AM to help prepare the site for the event. Banners lined the hall and the downstairs was cleared of obstacles for the fencing and fighting to be held later that day.

The event began with what SCAdians do best: schmoozing. There was much friendly discussion, some of it over game boards and card games. The back tables were laid out with multiple games, mostly period, however a game of Munchkin may have been seen as well. As gentles helped themselves to fruits, vegetables, cheese and sweets from the sideboard at the top of the hall, the other end of the hall was filled with gentles dancing a variety of dances. Lady Avalina and her husband Lord Derek were gracious enough to teach several dances. While peaceful pursuits occurred upstairs, the downstairs was the scene for martial combat, both fencing and rattan. Syr Bear came up from Stormsport to participate.

In mid-afternoon, gentles lined up to select cakes to determine who would be the evening's king or queen of misrule. After several moments of munching and nibbling, Lady Leonor found the royal token in her cupcake. She was crowned with the belled jester's hood of office. She immediately drafted Lady

Catalina de Luna as her herald. Less than five minutes in office, and already she'd mastered the art of nepotism. :) She invited Lady Reneta, the Posh Rot to join her at high table. Heronter's blatantly unofficial Order of the Tart was called forward and sent off to deliberate and select their newest members.

The Emerald Lake Puppet Theater put on a performance of "The Wizard Who Lost His Magic" and "The Magic Hat" as well as a few silly un-named skits. The puppet stage has been refurbished and is much more period in appearance than the previous version. The puppeteers were Lord Bjorn, Lord William, Lady Cigfran, Lord Dagonell, and--in her first public performance -- Lady Thora.

Finally, it was time for the feast. In "court", Lord Ian and Duke Marcus announced that they had not only organized the tournament, but won it as well. As they had also supplied the prizes, they decided to award them to the fighters they found the most inspiring. Lord Tiberius was called forward and presented with a dagger by Lord Ian, and Lord Griffith was called forward and presented with a nine-foot length of rattan by Duke Marcus. Duchess Dorinda came forth and announced that Lord William had won the A&S contest with his entry of a camp table for Pennsic and was presented with a book.

The Order of the Tart gathered and announced their newest inductees, Lord Dagonell, Lady Dominica and Her Foolishness Leonor. Thankfully, no one got a photo of Dagonell greeting Errolle he entered the order! :D Afterward, Dagonell announced that he had chosen strawberry-rhubarb (not to be confused with Her Grace, the strawberry tart) as his flavor and Lady Dominica chose kumquat as her selection.

Unfortunately, the end of the night came all too soon. As always, all the Herons pitched in to clean up the site and we were out of hall exactly at 9PM as scheduled. Congratulations to Lady Thora Winesbane and Lady Isabel of Dunbar for autocratting a wonderful event! Additional photos of the event may be found at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/Dagonell>.



Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon

March 27, 2010

*Barony of the
Rhydderich Hael
(Buffalo, NY)*

Good gentles of Æthelmearc and the Known World, mark your calendar now for the most incredible Ice Dragon ever!

We are fortunate to have a most amazing site at the Connecticut Street Armory, 184 Connecticut Street, Buffalo, NY 14213 - it is an actual castle built in the late 1800s, with a stupendous great hall and room for every activity possible. Everything inside, under one roof with lots of heat! And activities there will be -- fencing, heavy fighting, music, merchants, children's activities, and of course the world famous A&S Pentathlon! We look forward to hosting legions from our Kingdom and beyond!

Costs for the event are: Pre-registration until March 15, adult \$12, youth 6-12 years \$6. At the door; adult \$15, youth 6-12 years \$7. Six and under free at all times. There will be a \$3 NMS payable at the door. Make checks payable to the Barony of Rhydderich Hael, SCA, Inc.

The reservations clerk is Pani Zofia Kowalewska, (Melissa Hannon, 53 Koester St, Buffalo NY 14220, 716-867-5550, no calls after 9 pm, melblackrose@gmail.com). The autocrat is Lady Ysabeau Tiercelin (Phoebe Sharp, 7895 Quaker Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127, 716-662-2058 carnabyservices@yahoo.com).

The site will open at 9 am and close at 9 pm. Because this is a working military installation, every person over the age

of 18 is required to have a picture ID, **with no exceptions**. Please be aware that all bags may be subject to search at any time. We strongly encourage pre-reservation as this will put you into a **much** shorter line to enter.

There will be no feast, but we will have a tavern open throughout the day. The Pent Coordinator for this year is Baroness Orianna Fridrikskona (Orilee Ireland-Delfs, 731 South Main Street, Newark, NY 14513, 315-331-3788 from 7pm-10pm weeknights, orianna@thescore.org). Note that cut-off for the submission of entries in the Literary Arts (Research paper, Musical arrangement & composition, and Poetry & prose) is February 7! Please contact the Pent Coordinator or check the Ice Dragon website for submission details.

Merchants, contact Lady Muirgel ingen Ghiolla Chomhgaill (Coleen Coil, 2101 Transit Road, Elma, NY 14059, attractedbyshinyobjects@yahoo.com) for more information. Merchant forms, costs and rules can be found on the website.

Parking is on the street, although we hope to reserve a lot at a nearby college. We will have a manned drop-spot in front of the site so that you can leave gear, park and then return. The site is handicapped accessible with a wheelchair lift and an elevator in the building. The event will be on three floors, and the elevator will be limited to handicapped use, so pack lightly! Heavy fighting will be on the first floor.

The website for the event is up and running - check it often for updates at <http://www.ice-dragon.info>

Directions:

From the West: Take I-90 East. *Exit 53 - Downtown Buffalo/Canada onto I-190N. Go 6.7 miles. Take Exit 9 - Peace Bridge/Ft. Erie/Canada onto Busti Ave toward Peace Bridge. Go .9 mile. Take a left on Columbus Park W for .1 mile. Continue on Connecticut Street. You will see the castle looming over you once you get close. Drop spot will be at the front entrance.

From the East: Take I-90 West. Follow from * above

The event fee for the day is \$10 for adults (6-12 half price, 5 and under free, family cap of \$25) with proof of SCA membership. A non-member surcharge of \$3 per person will be charged at the door for those without proof of SCA membership.

The autocrats can be reached at (Wayne and Karen Canne) 3371 Maple Dr, South Park, PA 15129, wcanne@gmail.com, fredeburg@gmail.com, 412-983-5984) with mentoring by Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope (Karen Kasper, 1550 Quarry Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, arianna_wyn@yahoo.com) Reservations can be sent to Hildarun Hugelmann (Krista Cogan, 3815 Baytree St, Pittsburgh, PA 15214) with a cutoff date of April 30. Please make checks (*do not include the \$3 NMS*) payable to "SCA Inc - Barony Marche of Debatable Lands."

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact us.
Yours in Service,
Don Clewin Kupferhelbelinc
Freifrau Fredeburg von Katzenellenbogen

A HERONTER TWELFTH NIGHT RECIPE!

OATMEAL PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE COOKIES

by Lord Rubyn MakDonald

2 cups sugar
1/2 cup baking cocoa
1/2 cup milk
1 stick butter
1/2 cup peanut butter
3 cups oatmeal

1. Combine milk, sugar, cocoa and butter in saucepan and slowly bring to a boil, stirring as it heats. When boiling, keep boiling for 1 minute, still stirring.

2. Remove saucepan from heat. Stir in peanut butter until well-blended. Then stir in oatmeal. You may need up to an extra cup of oatmeal to properly thicken the mixture. If extra oatmeal is not on hand, a little flour may be used. (Flour was used in the 12th Night batch.)

3. Spoon mixture onto wax paper and allow to cool. Amount of cookies produced depends on size.

A HERONTER TWELFTH NIGHT RECIPE!

Gourds in Rich Juice - Redaction by Dagonell

From: Platina, De Honesta Voluptate, Venice, L. De Aquila, 1475. (Cariadoc's Miscellany)

Original:

Cook a gourd in juice or in water with a few little onions and after it is cut up, pass it through a perforated spoon into a kettle in which there is rich juice, a little verjuice and saffron. Take it from the hearth when it has boiled a little. After it has been set aside and cooled a little, put in a little aged cheese ground up and softened with two egg yolks; or keep stirring it with a spoon so that lumps do not spoil it. After you have put it into saucers, sprinkle with spices.

Ingredients:

2 butternut squash 8 oz cheddar cheese
2 acorn squash 4 egg yolks
2 large onions
1 cup rich juice: vegetable broth
verjuice: 2 tablespoons vinegar
saffron: 1/8 oz tumeric
spices: cinnamon

Commentary:

I was making this for our local Twelfth night, so I doubled all of the quantities I would normally use. "Rich juice" is broth. I wanted a dish vegetarians could eat, so I used vegetable broth. Verjuice is sour wine, something halfway between wine and vinegar. I used herbal flavored vinegar. Saffron is the world's most expensive spice and is literally worth more than its own weight in gold. Medieval cooks frequently used it as a coloring agent. I used cheaper tumeric instead.

Directions:

Peel, de-seed and cut up gourds. Peel and coarsely chop onions. Parboil squash and onions until soft. Drain and mash (we used a blender which is why we only coarsely chopped the onions to begin with). Dice cheese. Put squash back in pot. Add broth, vinegar, tumeric. Heat. Add egg yolks and diced cheese. Sprinkle with cinnamon before serving. We forgot to put out the cinnamon at Twelfth Night. :(

Upcoming Calendar – includes non-SCA events of interest

MARCH

March 12 – Lord Bjorn’s Birthday

March 14 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day

March 20 – Spring Equinox

March 27 – Ice Dragon (Rhydderich Hael) [www.ice-dragon.info]

March 28 – Palm Sunday

March 30 – Passover Begins

APRIL

April 1 – April Fool’s Day

April 1 – Lady Leonor Farfan’s Birthday

April 2 – Good Friday

April 4 – Lord Dagonell Collingwood’s Birthday

April 4 – Easter Sunday

April 10 – Spring Coronation (Misty Highlands)

April 11 – Aaron the Swift’s Birthday

April 22 – Earth Day

April 23 – William Shakespeare’s Birthday



Dancing at Heronter’s Twelfth Night

(More photos at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/Dagonell>)

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