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**Lady Ren is taken as an apprentice by Master Broom
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SHIRE NEWS

Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to *Master Antonio de Luna* who recently underwent open-heart surgery.

Congratulations to *Lord William the White* who was inducted into the Order of the Golden Alce for his fencing at Aethelmearc Twelfth Night.

Congratulations to *Lord Ian Kennoven* for a truly magnificent subtlety which was presented to the crown at Aethelmearc Twelfth Night.

Congratulations to *Duchess Dorinda Courtenay* who recently stepped down as Kingdom Fencing Marshal at Aethelmearc Twelfth Night.

Congratulations to the **Emerald Lake Puppet Theatre** on two performances at Aethelmearc Twelfth Night, *Why the Sea is Salt* and *Rapunzel*.

Congratulations to *Sylvan Bards Emeritus Maeve and Dagonell* who competed in the most recent Sylvan Bard competition. Neither won the bard title, but both made it to the finals of the Bardic Elimination contest that was held immediately after.

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

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

Happy Birthday to *Lord Dagonell the Juggler* who will be celebrating on April 4th.

Happy Birthday to *Brother Aiden* who will be celebrating on April 26th.

Farewell to *m'lady Bella Cavalerii* who accepted a job offer in Indiana. Keep in touch!

Farewell to *Lord Almeric Wolfgang* who had to leave suddenly for Florida. Keep in touch!

Daylight Savings Time is coming. Set your clocks ahead on March 9th before going to bed.

It's Maple Syrup Season. Check the website

www.mapleweekend.com for sugar shacks near you. They will be open to the public on March 22-23, and March 29-30.

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William the White is inducted into the Order of the Golden Alce at AÆthelmearc Twelfth Night. Photo by Chris Connor



Ian Ashbaugh presents an English castle subtlety to their Majesties at AÆthelmearc Twelfth Night. Photo by C. Connor



Feast of the Bears The Shire of Stormsport March 1, 2014

Once again, the Shire of Stormsport invites all to attend the Feast of the Bears on March 1st. There will be plenty of heavy fighting with a double elimination tourney running right into our traditional bear pit. The Fighting will begin at noon.

The site is St. Teresa's Catholic Church, 9 Third Avenue, Union City, PA 16438, open from 9am to 9pm. The site is wet, but no open flames, please. Your autocrat for the day is Vladisla Nikulich (Matthew Granger, 419 Stafford ave, Erie PA 16508, mgranger1@gmail.com, 814-455-2486). Teachers and Merchants are welcome to contact the autocrat for space.

Site fees for the event are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Students with a valid id are \$5.00. This includes a sideboard lunch. An additional \$5.00 non-member surcharge will be collected at the door. Please send reservations to Ciar ingen ui Chrotaig (Char Smith, 1007 W. Grandview Blvd, Erie PA 16509, charsmith@verizon.net). Please make checks payable to SCA-PA, Inc. Shire of Stormsport.

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 Ave. After one block, turn left.

From the 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 Ave. 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 though the stop light, onto West High Street. Follow this for two blocks, then turn right onto 2nd Ave. After one block, turn left.



Greetings from The Rhydderich Hael!

We invite you once again to plan your pilgrimage to the Annual Festival for the Passing of the Ice Dragon.

The event will be held at the Connecticut Street Armory, 187 Connecticut Street. Buffalo NY 14201.

The Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon is steeped in tradition, pageantry, martial and gentle arts. We will be featuring the traditional 'Pent' contest to highlight the works of the talented artisans and scholars of Aethelmearc and beyond! For those of a more martial bent, we invite you to participate in our grand fencing or heavy tournaments.

When you need a break, be sure to visit the games room downstairs for a dart tournament, music, dancing and table games.

Or if you prefer, simply take in the sights and sounds of the day from several public galleries while enjoying a magnificent assortment of tasty treats from our day-board. The lower halls will be filled with Merchants while around the balcony our Salon contest invites you to show off your skill at decorating, hosting and showing off your finest apparel, accessories and style.

All visitors at the Armory are required to have Photo ID (except minors with their adult guardian)

March 22nd, 2014 from 9am to 9pm at the Connecticut St Armory; 184 Connecticut St, Buffalo NY 14213. Enter your best work in our renowned Pentathlon, compete in various martial activities, browse our many vendors or just relax and enjoy the all day sideboard!

The site fee is \$17 for adults at the door, \$15 in advance; children (over 5yr) \$9 at the door and \$7 in advance. Registrations can be mailed to our reservations clerk, Jane Pattison at 500 Old Niagara Rd, Lockport NY 14094. Checks should be made out to SCA NY Inc., Barony of the Rhydderich Hael.

A \$5 NMS fee applies and will be collected at the door from adults who cannot show a blue card.

Autocrat: Wolfgang Starcke MKA Eric Belser, 500 Old Niagara Rd, Lockport NY 14094 PH (716) 201-1717 wolfgang_starcke@roadrunner.com

For more info: <http://ice-dragon.info>



**The Coronation of
Magnus Tindal and Etain
Shire of Sterlynge Vayle
April 12, 2014**



Camp SERTOMA, 259 Johnson Road, Kirkwood, NY 13795 in the Shire of Sterlynge Vayle The site will be open from 3:00 PM on Friday, 11 April and close at Noon on Sunday 13 April.

The Autocrat is THL Malcolm Fitz Willelm, MKA Gerry Hough, 4½ Minden Avenue, Binghamton, NY 13905 phone: e-mail: gerryhough AT yahoo.com

PRICING SCHEDULE FOR EVENT

Onboard pricing: Includes 96 Feast Spaces

Adult (14 and over):\$25.00

Child (5 to 13):\$16.00

Child (under 5): Free – (will not be included in feast count but staff will need to make room at the tables, so they need to be included in the reservation)

Site fee only pricing:

Adult: \$15.00

Children: (6 to 17)\$10.00

Infant: (5 and under) No Charge

Tent camping space is available at no additional cost.

NMS fee of \$5.00 will be collected at the door from anyone unable to show current proof of membership.

Reservations must be sent to, Dame George Anne, MKA Georg-Karen Hawks, 519 Oak Hill Avenue, Endicott, NY 13760; e-mail: thegeorg AT stny.rr.com. Checks shall be made payable to SCA NY, Inc. – Sterlynge Vayle



Blackstone Raid XXIII Barony of Blackstone Mountain April 24, 2014

Friends and allies of Aethelmearc, heed our call! The Dragon of the Kingdom of the Midrealm stirs from its winter slumber. The forges are cold, and soon the Barony of Blackstone Mountain in the Kingdom of Aethelmearc will be raided for its coveted black stones. The time is growing nigh to be counted among those that stood and defended against the might of the Midrealm! Come stand united in the southern lands of Aethelmearc, deny them the treasure they seek, and drive them beyond our borders! Blackstone Raid XXIII will open at 12:00 PM on April 24th, 2014, and will close at 12:00 PM on April 27th, 2014, at the beautiful Cedar Lakes – Conference Center, 82 FFA Drive, Ripley, WV 25271. (304) 372-7860, www.cedarlakes.com.

For more info: <http://www.blackstoneraid.org>

Book Review of the Month by THF Dagonell

The Invisible Hook: The Hidden Economics of Pirates by Peter Leeson

The title is a reference to 'the invisible hand' a phrase by our founding fathers and used in the original Federalist Papers as a reference to how economics drives the country. This is a text explaining how economics drove piracy, creating a workable democracy (each ship was in essence a small corporation, and each crew member a stock holder), workman's compensation (first found aboard Bartholomew 'Black Bart' Roberts ship's articles and how booty was divided fairly to encourage each man to remain a pirate rather than attempt a shore living. It's a fascinating book if you're into that sort of thing.

Recipe of the Month by THF Dagonell

Eggplant Pancakes from Cariadoc's Miscellany

Get sweet eggplant and boil it with water and salt until it becomes well cooked and is dissolved or falling apart. You should drain the water, crush and stir it on a dish with crumbs of grated bread, eggs beaten with oil, dried coriander and cinnamon; beat it until all becomes equal. Afterwards fry cakes made with this batter in a frying pan with oil until they are gilded. Make a sauce of vinegar, oil, almorì, and mashed garlic; give all this a shaking and pour it over the top.

1 large eggplant	1 1/4 t coriander
~2 qts water	1 1/2 t cinnamon
~2 t salt	2 T vinegar
1/2 c bread crumbs	2 T oil
3 eggs	2 t murri
1 T oil	2 large clove garlic
about 6 T oil for frying	

Peel and quarter eggplant, boil 30 minutes. Drain, mash and mix with bread crumbs, eggs, oil, coriander and cinnamon. Crush garlic in a garlic press and mix up sauce. Fry in oil at medium high, about 1-2 minutes a side. Pour sauce over pancakes before serving.

The above recipe is from Cariadoc's Miscellany (http://www.pbm.com/~lindahl/cariadoc/islamic_w_veggies.html#2) I doubled the recipe and entered it in a contest at an Arabian Nights themed event. I had to add another 1/2 cup of bread crumbs and 2 more eggs to get a paste that would hold together to fry.

Murri is an Arabic condiment. Cariadoc gives a recipe for it, but it is very complex and my attempt failed. I made the sauce of vinegar, oil, and garlic. I will make another attempt at Murri.

I received no votes for 'best dish'. On the other hand, almost all of it was eaten. I think this would make an acceptable side dish for a feast, it's cheap, filling and tasty.

Pi-ra-tes Exercise Program
 (It's pronounced "pie-ray-tees", no, really)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Calories / Minute</u>
Looting	30
Pillaging.....	30
Wenching.....	50
Wenching with a willing Wench.....	10
Climbing the Rigging.....	25
Falling from the Rigging.....	0
Firing a Cannon.....	10
Dodging Cannon Fire.....	100
Running from the Authorities.....	50
Running from Creditors.....	90
Sword Fighting.....	45
Sword Fighting with Two swords.....	80
Running from a Pirate with Flintlock.....	100
Hoisting the Main Sail.....	30
Untangling the Main Sail for Hoisting.....	60
Battening Down the Hatches	20
Burying Treasure.....	35
Digging Up Treasure to Go Drinking.....	70
Drinking.....	+50
Staggering Drunk.....	12
Fall Down, Go Boom!.....	0
Rolling Their 'RRRR's.....	10
Rolling Their 'AAAA's (Canadian Pirates!).....	10
Running for Office (and Becoming REAL Pirates!).....	150

Calendar of Events (contains non-SCA events of interest)

MARCH

March 1 – Bears Feast (Stormsport)

<http://www.aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=921>

March 4 – Mardi Gras

March 9 – Daylight Savings Time

March 12 – Lord Bjorn's Birthday

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

March 20 – Spring Equinox

March 22 – Ice Dragon (Rhydderich Hael)

<http://www.aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=890>

March 22-23 Maple Weekend

March 29-30 Maple Weekend

<http://www.mapleweekend.com>

APRIL

April 1 – Lady Leonor's Birthday

April 4 – Lord Dagonell's Birthday

April 11 – Spring Coronation (Sterlynge Vayle)

<http://aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=919>

April 20 – Easter Sunday

April 24 – Blackstone Raids XXIII (Blackstone Mountain)

<http://aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=933>

April 26 – Brother Aiden's Birthday

MAY

May 1 – SCA New Year

May 10 – Spring Crown Tournament (King's Crossing)

<http://aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=947>

May 11 – Mother's Day

May 15-18 – War Practice (Steltonwald)

<http://aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=884>

May 26 – Memorial Day

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