

THE VIGILANCE
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER
2009 - A.S. XLIV



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
LORD WILLIAM THE WHITE &
LADY THORA OF HERONTER
ON THEIR OCTOBER 10TH WEDDING!
VIVAT! VIVAT! VIVAT!**

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Unto the Populace of Heronter and the staff of Harvest Raid do Henri & Elena Roi & Reine send fond greetings.

Please accept most sincere thanks for all of the hard work it took to put together your event. It went off without a bump. Your organization, planning and enthusiasm showed in every aspect of the event. Your staff was prepared and obviously communicated very well. The feast hall and Our cabin were decorated beyond all expectations. Thank you!

You made sure the tourneys were staggered so that we could attend them all, and close enough to make them accessible yet far enough away to make them not interfere.

Thank you for that organization and consideration of each activity.

You made Our job so much easier as a result.

If you should ever need anything that we can grant, please call upon us. You have our complete support.

In Your Service

Henri II & Elena



First Dance as Husband and Wife

SHIRE NEWS

Deepest Condolences to Lady Cat of Rhydderich Hael on the sudden passing of her father Edward, on September 3rd.

Condolences to Master William and Mistress Irene of Rhydderich Hael on the passing of their 20-year-old horse Pansy.

Congratulations to Lord Jacob of Dunmore for his victory in the fencing tourney at Summer's End.

Congratulations to Aaron the Swift for tying for first in the Youth Tourney (with Lord Roland of Willowbrooke) at Summer's End.

Congratulations to Lord Tiberius for both receiving a prize from their Graces for being the fighter who best displayed the spirit of Duke Morguhn during the tourney and for receiving his Golden Alce from TRM Maynard and Liadain at Summer's End.

Congratulations to Duke Matthew and Duke Marcus for their excellent showing in the memorial tournament at Summer's End.

Congratulations to THL Antonio deLuna for winning the thrown weapons tourney at Summer's End.

Congratulations to fellow chronicler Lady Mikesh Synner of Blackwater on receiving her AoA at Summer's End.

Best Wishes to Lord Robert L'Etourdi of Rhydderich Hael for a speedy recovery from his recent minor surgery.

Congratulations to Lady Thora of Heronter for her AoA at Harvest Raid.

Congratulations to Lord Ian Kennoven for his Sycamore at Harvest Raid.

Deepest Condolences to Lady Isolda of Rhydderich Hael on the passing of her mother on September 30th.

Condolences to Mistress Gabrielle of Rhydderich Hael on the passing of her 18-year-old dog, Merlin.

Congratulations to Mistress Gabrielle of Rhydderich Hael on the publication of her new book, Legends, Lore and Secrets of Western New York. Good luck on your book tour!

Congratulations to Meredith Maskmaker of Rhydderich Hael on her live television appearance on Martha Stewart's show on October 7th! She demonstrated how to make a leather mask.

From the Autocrat of Harvest Raid:

Fellow Herons,

Harvest Raid has come and gone yet again and I find myself in need of thanking a good many of you for all your help:

To Dana, Cheryl and Lynne my thanks for a fantastic feast! Even with a simple fare, you helped us maintain a Heronter tradition of serving fine feasts! Their Majesties were thrilled to be able to just sit and eat. Brigitte, we hadn't expected your help but were quite glad for it as always!

To Thora and William my thanks for another great sideboard. It was wonderful to come down to the kitchen to verify plates were going out to the lists ... and find out they were already out there!

To Errolle my thanks for yet again providing breakfast Saturday morning. Those who are inclined to make it out of bed that early really appreciate it.

To Dorinda for her patience and skill in handling reservations, thank you.

To Leonor for handling troll, my thanks.

To Isabele for all her hard work in the Royalty cabin yet again, thanks. As you heard, Their Majesties were most impressed.

To my marshals Ian, Jacob, Sabina and Dagonell thanks for keeping things moving at your lists and ranges.

To Anna and Marguerite thanks again for running the lists. Your help year after year is a blessing.

To Helena for handling A&S this year, thanks.

To Siobhan for running the Silent Auction, thanks.

To Tiberius for bringing out the...wait a sec, I brought out the trailer! (had to be done) Thanks for letting me know what was up and getting the trailer back home on Sunday.

To Edward for bringing out the wood, thanks! The hall was warm and the fire at the party was bright.

To Dagonell and Cigfran along with the rest of the players from the puppet show, thank you. Folks look forward to your presentation every year.

To the set-up and clean-up crew, my thanks! This list includes (but is not limited to) **Bjorn, Lodthin, Aodhan, Mathew, Marcus, Errolle, Rachel, Ian, Catalina, William, Thora, Dagonell, Cigfran, Veronica, Dorinda, Isabelle ...** and I'm sure there's more.

Finally, my thanks to **Lodthin and Aodhan** for the work they do in the hall.

You set the mood for this event every year, figuratively and literally. Everyone commented on the way it looked at one time or another during the event!

It is because of all of you that this event comes off so well,
Thanks!

In service,

Antonio de Luna



Cutting the Wedding Cake



Hallowtide IV

Greetings unto the populace of Aethelmearc. The Shire of Blackwater once again invites you to find time to come celebrate with us our Hallowtide on November 14th 2009 A.S. 44. Please note the date change.

Our past events have been filled with fellowship as the weather turns colder and our thoughts turn from outside tournaments to indoor activities and events. To

that end we invite the populace of Aethelmearc to come and relax with us. Bring your armor as there will be some interesting indoor fighting in an indoor gym. Fencing will be available once again pending finding an available marshal. Youth fighting will also be available pending youth to fight. There is ample space for projects if you'd care to come and share your latest works with those in attendance. In the past this has been a feature of our events with a few folks working on projects and talking about what they are doing to the un-initiated. There will be a few classes that have been hits in the past as well. The Pumpkin carving contest of course as always is a hit! Did you goof up your mundane gourd or did the kids bust yours? Come carve one for us! There will also be a silent auction with

the funds raised to provide for the Shire. Donations graciously accepted and Bidders gratefully needed! We will also be having an A&S display with a populace vote. There will be several A&S classes available as well. Further announcements on those will be announced later.

There will be a delicious feast inspired by Les Tres Riches Hueres Jean duc de Berry presented by Lidia Allen (Linda Larson) with assistance by Etain inghen Cormac. Please contact Lidia at 585-968-3368 or linda_a_larson@yahoo.com with any dietary concerns or requests (no calls after 9pm please). There will be a kids meal available of French Toast and applesauce for feast at \$2. A sideboard lunch will be provided by Lady Nivah Catherine Rose of Bannockburn and the youth of the shire as part of the site fee. To top it off a wonderful desert will be available as well from Lady Deirdre Scot of Clan Scot.

This will be held at Trinity United Methodist church at 131 North 9th Street in Olean, NY 14760. The site will open at 9 am and will close at 9 pm. This of course is a Dry Site.

Masked Ball

Welcome, welcome, come one and come all, to the season's most fashionable and festive Masked Ball!

An event filled with live music, graceful dancing, and a fabulous feast awaits you on December 5th, 2009 in the Barony of the Rhydderich Hael at the Independent Health Youth & Family Center. The Center is located at 5005 Sheridan Dr. Williamsville, NY 14221.

Site opens at 10AM and closes promptly at 9PM. Live dance music for the ball will be provided by Delftwood's amazingly talented itinerant musical troupe Ex Arca. Don't dance you say? Well you can learn! The elegant and gracious dance mistress for the evening, Baroness Peregrine of Thescorre, will be giving dance lessons prior to the actual ball! Additional live music will be provided by Step in Time, local musicians and fellow SCAdians, during the sumptuous feast. Did we mention dancing? There will also be a fencing tourney, an A&S competition, and oh yes, dancing. Feast seating is extremely limited, so reserve early!

There is a theme for this event—it is simply this: purple. That's it. Be as creative as you can with that theme! (It's simple to allow for many types of interpretation.)

The feast will be a sumptuous repast fit for the Doge's Palace, cooked by Tiercelin (who has her mundane chef's degree from the Cordon Bleu in London). Expect many late period delicacies - and at the Autocrat's request, scrumptious medieval mac and cheese! You do not want to miss this one!

PLEASE NOTE: *The site is BONE DRY* - if there's even a hint of alcohol brought into the facility, we not only lose this site for future events, but we may be removed at that time. *Please* don't bring ANY alcohol on the premises.

Site Fee: 8.00 Adults*; 6.00 6-15; Free 5 and under

Feast Fee: 12.00 Adults; 10.00 6-15; Free 5 and under

* (Non-members should remember to add the \$3.00 NMS fee for adults.)

Please make checks payable to: SCA Barony of the Rhydderich Hael



Reservation Clerk: Pani Zosia Kowalewska (Melissa Hannon), 53 Koester St, Buffalo NY 14220. Phone: 716-867-5550 (no calls after 10 pm), melblackrose@ gmail.com

Autocrat: Lady Beatrice de Winter (Cathy Ullman), 10 Lombardy St., Lancaster NY 14086, Phone: (716) 683-6167, cende@buffalo.edu

For any dietary concerns, please contact our Feastocrat: Lady Ysabeau Tiercelin (Phoebe Waller-Sharp), 7895 East Quaker Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127, Phone: (716) 662-2058, carnabyservices@ yahoo.com

Directions:

From Buffalo: Take I-190N to I-290E. **Get off at Exit 6, Sheridan Dr. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Sheridan Dr. and merge onto NY-324/Sheridan Dr. The Center will be on your right. It looks like an old firehall.

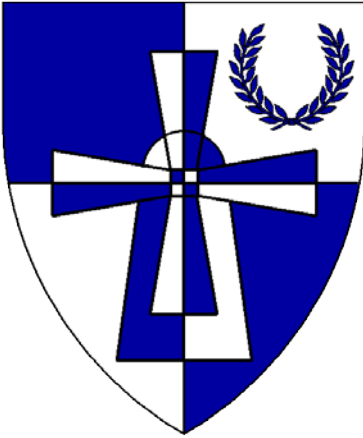
From the East: Take I-90 to I-290. Merge onto I-290 W towards Niagara Falls. Take exit 6 for Sheridan Dr/NY-324 towards Harlem Rd/NY-240. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Sheridan Dr. and merge onto NY-324/Sheridan Dr. The Center will be on your right. It looks like an old firehall.

From Canada: Take the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge to I-190 South. Take I-190S to 290E. Follow directions above from **



*”No, you can’t go out
with the boys on
Tuesday. It’s your
turn to do the dishes.”*

(Yes, they received a
boffer axe as a
wedding present!)



Piratas Solemnitas

Ahoy mateys and harken to our tale – of pirates and ships; grog and grub; fun and frivolity; and, of course, lots of booty! Be ye a nautical novice or hardened seadog, we welcome you to join us as **Delftwood** becomes a safe harbor for **Piratas Solemnitas** – a celebration of marine adventurers! Come explore some of the rich history of maritime adventures, from the Vikings to the Likedeelers, the Corsairs to the Renegados. For as long as there have been boats there has been piracy.

Classes are now forming in all manner of nautical subjects, including Letters of Marque; Nautical Heraldry; Nautical Knots and Women in Piracy. Should you wish to teach a class, please contact the Argh-tocrat. Spend some time spinning sea chanteys, test your knowledge on the crew trivia game or challenge your mates in the games tournament. Enter your best grog into a brewing competition – beer, wine, mead and/or cordial – documentation is not necessary but please provide an ingredient list. Bring your most prized booty for the A&S display, be it something you have made or something you “acquired.”

When you’re ready for grub, drop anchor in the Port of Algiers and enjoy a feast of variety and splendor. Contact Lady Catherine “The Otter” O’Herlihy (mka Kate Turnbole) for any dietary restrictions and concerns. ladyotter@gmail.com

With this being the season of giving, please feel free to bring new, unwrapped toys for our “Booty for Babies” campaign (known commonly as Toys for Tots.)

The Piratas Solemnitas will be held December 12, 2009 at the Arrowhead Lodge on Oneida Shores (Physical Address: 9248 McKinley Ridge Rd, Brewerton NY 13029) . Port opens to all ships at 10:00 a.m. and will close docks at 8:00 p.m. Ante for the site is \$7, ages 6-16 is \$4 and 5 and under is free. Include your grub for another \$7. Please make checks payable to: SCA Inc., Barony of Delftwood, and mail them to: Barony of Delftwood, PO Box 6694, Syracuse, NY 13217. For any questions, contact the Argh-tocrat, Lady Desiderata “Desi Duck” Drake (mka Jennifer Moravasik – desiduck666@yahoo.com)

Directions to port:

Arrowhead Lodge, Oneida Shores Park Physical Address: 9248 McKinley Ridge Rd, Brewerton NY 13029.

From North or South of Syracuse, NY:

Find your best route to I81. Take Exit 31/Brewerton; left onto Bartell Road for 1.7 miles until it ends, left on Ladd Rd, entrance is 0.1 miles on the right.

For those traveling from far away, we are working on getting a block of hotel rooms set aside at a discounted rate. More info will be posted as it becomes available.

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The Vigilance: Advisors to the Royalty since A.S. XXIII, not that they ever pay attention to what we say, but we do advise them!

Hear ye, hear ye!

Duchess Dorinda is hereby announcing an A&S contest to be judged at Twelfth Night. The rules are as follows:

1. All entries must fit one of two categories: "making a better camp" or "making a better site".
2. To be eligible for the grand prize, entries must be made available for use at Shire events and/or the Shire Pennsic camp. (There will be prizes available for those who submit something if it is to be used at a household camp, Royal camp, or for their own use at events, but purpose of this contest is to encourage the creation of Shire items.)
3. Items need not be 100% authentic in nature, but authenticity will be considered.
4. Items need not actually use the Shire colors or heraldry, but that will be considered.
5. Items should be on display at Shire Twelfth Night. If for some reason an item can not be present, a representation may be permitted.
6. The Shire agrees to no reimbursement of any materials or time for any items created unless financial policies are followed and a request brought before the appropriate financial committee.
7. Standard disclaimers apply: e.g. no profanity, no pornography, no unsafe fire, no spitting, no kicking, no screaming, no punching your brother in the head and all that sort of thing.

Prizes and judges are not yet known.

Any questions? Please just let me know!

Dorinda

Upcoming Calendar – includes non-SCA events of interest

NOVEMBER

November 1 -- All Saints Day

November 1 -- Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 7 – Free Scandinavian classes at Jamestown Community College

November 11 -- Veteran's Day

November 14 -- Hallowtide (Blackwater)

November 14 – Vikings on the River (Riversedge)

November 23 -- Caitlin deLuna's Birthday

November 26 -- Thanksgiving (U.S.A.)

DECEMBER

December 5 -- Free Scandinavian classes at Jamestown Community College

December 5 – Masked Ball (Hael)

December 7 -- Pearl Harbor Day

December 22-29 -- Hanukkah

December 22 -- Winter Solstice

December 24 -- Christmas Eve

December 25 -- Christmas Day

December 25-31 Kwanzaa

December 26 – Boxing Day (Canada)

December 31 – New Year's Eve

JANUARY

January 1 -- New Year's Day

January 6 -- Epiphany (12th Night)

January 9 -- Aethelmearc 12th Night (Thescore)

January 18 -- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 24 -- Shire 12th Night

FEBRUARY

February 2 -- Groundhog Day

February 4 -- Cicilia Corsini's Birthday

February 10 -- Keinwen's Birthday

February 14 -- St. Valentine's Day

February 14 -- Chinese New Year's Day 4708 Year of the Tiger

February 15 -- President's Day

February 16 -- Mardi Gras

February 17 -- Ash Wednesday

February 20 – Combat Symposium (Blackwater)

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