

THE VIGILANCE

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*Christmas Feast from Les très riches heures du Duc de Berry
painted by the Limbourg brothers, Paul, Hermann and Jean
sometime between 1412 and 1416.*

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SHIRE NEWS

Thank you to all who came out to battle the cold and put on a demo. Special thanks to Antonio and Bree and kids who came up from Heronter to throw. -- Penn Dixie Demo Crew

[Ed Note: The demo was “Scare-assic Park” at Penn Dixie on October 2nd.]

Congratulations to Aaron the Swift who became Division Three Youth Champion for AÆthelmearc at Coronation.

Congratulations to the Emerald Lake Puppet Theater for another fantastic production at Coronation. They were invited to sit at high table after their performance.

Congratulations to Lord William for running his first fencing tourney at Harvest Raid.

Congratulations to Lady Thora for becoming an authorized fencer at Harvest Raid.

Congratulations to Lord Bjorn for receiving his authorization in heavy rapier at Harvest Raid.

Congratulations to all the Heronter youth fighters for wonderfully courteous performances at Harvest Raid. Our fighters included: Anne Marie, Lynn, Katelyn, and Aaron the Swift. Congratulations to Aaron for being the tourney winner that day.

Congratulations to Baroness Marguerite and everyone on her staff for another successful Harvest Raid.

Congratulations to Lord Tiberius and Duke Marcus who, with the inspiration of Duchess Anna and Baroness Marguerite, fought in crown tourney. Duke Marcus made it to the final eight. The eventual winners were Duke Christopher and Duchess Morgen.

Happy Birthday to Lady Catalina de Luna who will be celebrating on November 23.

My mother and I wanted to be sure to extend sincere thanks to all who helped in the kitchen [at Harvest Raid]. Everyone did a great job and was extremely helpful. It was because of all of the help that the feast ran so smoothly. Due to the superior quality of the help, especially with clean up, my mother is willing to cook feast again next year if the shire wishes to utilize her skills and talents.

-- Lynne

Congratulations to many members of the shire! Excerpts from the court report at Harvest Raid:

The Report of the Court of Their Royal Majesties Duncan and Ilish, King and Queen of Aethelmarc, held at Harvest Raids in the Shire of Heronter on the 25th day of September Anno Societatis XLV, THLord Brandubh Donnghaile, Silver Buccle, with the assistance of Master Fridrikr Tomasson.

Duchess Dorinda Courtenay was invited forth to speak as the Youth Marshal of the day. She invited all of the youth who fought in the tourney to come forward and presented them all with tokens, and announced that Aaron the Swift had been the victor that day and she presented him with his prize. She further announced that Thorgrim of Blackwater had been deemed to be the most chivalrous fighter on the field.

Lord William Peregrinus had conducted two fencing tourneys during the day and wished to present prizes to Don Christian Amaury de Launey who had won the Single Elimination Tournament and presented a prize to master Quinn Kerr who had won the Round Robin Tournament.

Their Majesties called upon Gruffydd ap Anarawd to attend Them. They praised his efforts in fighting and recruiting new members at demos, arriving early and staying late for events to work, and being of great use in setting up the Heronter camp at Pennsic, and so They Awarded him Arms. Scroll by Lady Mairghad ni Stilbhard uu Coinn.

Edward DeMichel Martel was called forth and Awarded Arms for his many labors, not the least among them being that he had constructed additional portable Holes and list poles for Crown Tourney, he arranged for the firewood for last year's Harvest Raid, and had transported the shire trailer on many occasions, and he served as the apprentice of Viscount Alexander Caithnes of Wyk as he studied the art of making fine armor. Scroll by Lady Isabetta Orsini with words by Baron Caleb Reynolds.

Baron Malcom Fraser the Impatient was inducted into the Order of the Sycamore for his many artistic endeavors in making Viking tents, leather pouches, armor and even the construction of camp gates for the Shire of Heronter. Scroll By Dona Sasha Gray.

Lord Tronose Modoc was called into Their Majesties court. Their Majesties thanked him for his quiet and gentle service. When His Majesty of Drachenwald needed assistance for his Pennsic travel, Tronose had assisted him with rides, as he is well known for going above and beyond when helping others. And so their majesties inducted him into the Order of the Cornelian. Scroll Forthcoming.

Their Majesties thanked the Shire of Heronter for putting on such an event, and seeing to the needs of the Royalty and setting the mood. They thanked all who attended and those who marshaled activities and those who fought in the tourneys for all making the day all that it was.

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I write this missive on the eve of an important anniversary for me: on October 29, 2000, I lost my partner, Kris, to an automobile accident. While I was looking for a proper way to honor his memory this year, I received the shocking news that Kris's gravestone was destroyed in an act of vandalism. This left me disheartened, but more aware of the possibilities of new beginnings than ever before.

I have overcome many barriers since Kris's passing, but perhaps the hardest has been my physical disability. Spending nearly a decade watching the fighters of our glorious Kingdom, a seed was planted in my mind. I vowed to take up the gauntlet of fighting, with the intention of fighting a challenge at Harvest Raid in order to both raise money for a new stone, and to break through the mental pitfalls of having a painful illness. At War Practice, I was given the full amount for a new stone, and told to focus on fighting, leaving me ever amazed with the generosity of our SCAdian family. There were many people who helped me along the journey, culminating in a three hour challenge at Harvest Raid. Not only did I manage to physically fulfill my challenge, I was also able to honor Kris's memory as he would have wished. Before every bout, I asked my opponents to vow that they'd make certain to tell their loved ones how much they are loved. I have since been told many stories from fighters who took their vows to heart, and still carry the spirit of my challenge into every fight. There is no better honor for Kris's memory than this...

-- Lady Reneta, The Posh Rot

Hallowtide V ~ Hear ye, Hear ye!

Greetings unto the populace of our glorious Kingdom of Æthelmearc! As the Ice Dragon once again begins to wrap around your walls, if you notice your moat is a little sluggish and your Lady is bemoaning her boredom, come, warm yourselves in celebration with the Shire of Blackwater at our annual Hallowtide event, to be held on November 6th, 2010 (A.S. XLV). Bring your armor, as we are hosting a day filled with heavy fighting featuring a Gold Chain Tournament and a Newbie Tourney, for those with less than one year authorization in weapons, a First Blood Tourney, and a Rock-Em Sock-Em Robots fight. (We will be offering Authorization on the day of the tournament.) Fencing will be available once again, thanks to Her Grace Dorinda Courtenay, who has once again consented to be marshal.



We are most honored to announce that this year, Their Royal Majesties, Duncan von Halstern and Ilish O'Donovan, King and Queen of Æthelmearc will be in attendance and will be holding Curia during the day and Court prior to Feast.

We also will be hosting a Consort's Gallery along with surprises, classes, artisan's row, an open A&S competition, sideboard and a wondrous feast to round out the evening. There are areas planned for games and crafts, with spaces for scribes and children alike, to commune. This promises to be a rousing, relaxing event, filled with fellowship and friendship. (And did we mention surprises?) There will also be a Silent Auction held.

The event opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 9:00 p.m. The site is the same as last year: Trinity United Methodist Church, 131 North Ninth (9th) Street, Olean, N.Y. 14760. Event fee is \$8 per adult (18 and older). Children and teens aged 6 to 17 years will be charged \$4 and those 5 and under will be considered guests of the Shire. The \$5 non-member surcharge will be collected so please remember to bring acceptable proof of membership. Sideboard will

be included in the site fee. The evening feast will be prepared by Duchess Anna Blackleaf (and for any dietary concerns, please contact her at (716) 372-4140). Cost for the feast will be \$8 for 10 years and up, children under 10 years of age eat for free.

Reservations may be sent to: Duchess Anna Blackleaf (Cheryl Moore, 4115 S. Nine Mile Rd., Lot 119, Allegany, NY 14706).

Please make your payment payable to: SCA Inc. Shire of Blackwater. The Autocrat for this event is Lady Mikesch Synner (Linda Brundage, 7777 Searles Rd., Friendship, NY 14739, (585) 973-7656, atlatldart1@gmail.com) mentored by Lady Renata L'rouge, (Karen Finnemore, 7777 Searles Rd., Friendship, NY 14739 (585) 808-9909 ladyren@gmail.com.)

Directions:

From the East: Take your best route to I-86 west bound. Take Exit #25 (Buffalo Street) and turn left at the bottom of the ramp. Take Buffalo Street to the second light and turn right onto North 12th Street. Stay on North 12th thru three blocks and to the second stop sign at Washington Street. Turn left and go to North 9th Street and turn right. Trinity Methodist is on the right hand side of the street and parking is in a small lot beside the church and on the street.

From the West: Take your best route to I-86 west bound. Take Exit #25 (Buffalo Street) and turn right at the bottom of the ramp and follow above directions.

From the North: Coming south on Rt. 16-Get on I-86 westbound in Maplehurst at exit 27 and follow directions from east getting off I-86 at exit #25. Coming down Rt. 219 – get on I-86 east bound in Salamanca or at Seneca Junction and follow directions from the west getting off I-86 at exit #25. Coming down I-390 follow directions from the east once you are on I-86.

From the South: Make your best way to Olean thru PA. If coming up Rt. 219 get on I-86 eastbound at Seneca Junction and follow directions from the West. Any other route should have you finding Rt. 16 (North or South) or Rt. 417 (East or West) which intersects in the center of Olean. Yahoo Maps easily finds this address.

AEthelmarc AAcademy

The skillful and scholarly roam throughout the Sylvan Lands of AEthelmarc, yet from time to time they gather together in one place to share their knowledge and talents with the populace. The Barony of Thescore is pleased to invite you to attend the Fall Session of AEthelmarc AAcademy on November 13, 2010.



The site for this day of learning will be: Faith Lutheran Church, 2576 Browncroft Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14625. Site opens promptly at 9:00 am. Classes will begin at 10:00 am and continue through 5:00 pm. The site will close at 7:00 pm.

A filling sideboard will be provided by Andrew of Thescore (Andrew Patton, kilian2@yahoo.com). Contact him with any dietary concerns/restrictions or if you are interested in helping out in the kitchen. Please note that this site has a daycare with children who have severe nut allergies, so please plan accordingly if you choose to bring your own foods.

For questions relating to classes and teaching, please contact the Chancellor of the AAcademy, Mistress Juliana Delamere at deb@debrahofer.com. The autocrat is Lady Kadlin Sigvaldakona (Lilith Hart, 404 Barry Road, Rochester NY 14617, kadlin@thescore.org, 585-455-3672.

Entrance to this glorious day of learning and camaraderie costs only \$10. Children ages 5-17 are \$5. The non-member surcharge of \$5 applies to adults without proof of membership the day of the event.

Reservations should be sent to Lionheart (Edward Ciminelli), P.O. Box 93312, Rochester, NY 14692, lionheart@thescore.org, 585-285-7991. Make checks payable to SCA Inc. – Barony of Thescore.

Directions: Take your best route to Rochester I-590. From the east, west, and south, take I-590 north to Browncroft Blvd. Turn east (right) on Browncroft Blvd., to 2576 Browncroft. The church will be on the north (left) side of the road. From the north, take I-590 south to Browncroft Blvd. Turn east (left) on Browncroft Bld., to 2578 Browncroft. The church will be on the north (left) side of the road.

[Editor's note: A list of the classes offered can be found at: <http://www.aecademy.org/fall10thescore/classlistprintable.php> Click on class name for class details. Current as of 10/29/10. The Regent maintains the right to decline / adjust classes to fit the schedule. Final class listing and schedule will be posted when available.]

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Greetings Unto the Noble Populace!!

Ever since I started in the SCA, I have always heard some debate as to how expensive it is to attend Estrella War for a week. Now I watch my dollars as much as the next person and having given it some thought over an episode of David Letterman, I wanted to throw out some numbers for those of us who have to choose how to spend a week of hard earned leave. So in the style of The Late Show, I give you my TOP TEN LIST OF THINGS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN GOING TO ESTRELLA WAR!!

1. Getting bounced out of Disneyland by Mickey Mouse himself for stalking Cinderella - \$216 (that's just the 6 day Park Hopper pass)
2. Discovering that JAWS isn't part of the Pirates of the Caribbean ride at Disney World - \$296 (again just the tickets)
3. Waking up next to Wayne Newton after 6 crazy nights at the Excalibur in Las Vegas - \$450
4. Instead of recreating the Middle Ages you try to recreate "The Hangover 2" - (Bail Money sucks, but Mike Tyson rocks!)
5. Watching Avatar every day for 6 days trying to figure out why

Gargamel isn't in this production of The Smurfs -\$135 (with a small drink and Popcorn)

6. Spending 6 days at Magic Mountain asking other travelers how to get rid of that One Ring - \$240 (admission only)

7. Six days in beautiful Hawaii trying to be an Extra in "Dog the Bounty Hunter" - \$650+ (depending on whether you fly or swim)

8. Realizing that after 6 days, the food at Medieval Times tastes like the Green Knights old turnshoes - (\$57.95 per show)

9. Trying to hike your way out of the Grand Canyon because you iPhone GPS doesn't work right - (\$18 per day)

10. Pennsic - (\$110)

Pre-Registration for Estrella War costs a mere \$65 and comes complete with camping, showers, privies, fighting, A&S classes, equestrian, archery, rapier, hardsuit combat, heraldry consultations, period demo, merchants row, or any one of the myriad of other things that there are to do at Estrella War.

So take the time to Pre-Register for Estrella War. All it takes is a \$20 deposit to pre-reg, and you can pay the rest at the gate. Learn more by following the link below:

<http://www.estrellawar.org/RegistrationFrontGate/PreRegistration.aspx>

In Service,
Lord Alystyr Stewart
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Upcoming Calendar – includes non-SCA events of interest

NOVEMBER

November 1 – All Saints Day

November 2 – Election Day

November 6 – Hallowtide at Blackwater

(<http://scablackwater.com/hallow5.html>)

November 4 – Shire Meeting

November 7 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 11 – Veteran's Day

November 11 – Shire Meeting

November 13 – Fall AECademy at Thescore

(http://www.thescore.org/calendar/events/fall_aecademy.htm)

November 18 – Shire Meeting

November 23 – Catalina de Luna's Birthday

November 25 – Thanksgiving (U.S.A.)

November 25 – Shire Meeting cancelled due to holiday

DECEMBER

December 2 – Shire Meeting

December 2-9 – Hanukkah

December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day

December 9 – Shire Meeting

December 16 – Tron, The Movie

December 16 – Shire Meeting

December 21 – Winter Solstice

December 23 – Shire Meeting

December 24 – Christmas Eve

December 25 – Christmas Day

December 25-31 – Kwanzaa

December 26 – Boxing Day (Canada)

December 30 – Shire Meeting

December 31 – New Year's Eve

JANUARY

January 1 – New Year's Day

January 6 – Epiphany (Twelfth Night)

January 8 – Aethelmearc Twelfth Night at Gryffyns Keep

January 17 – Martin Luther King Day

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