

# **THE VIGILANCE**

**NOVEMBER - DECEMBER**  
**A.S. XLVI - 2011 C.E.**



**ROYAL COURT AT HARVEST RAID**  
**(PHOTO BY THL JOE THE JUST)**

**THE SHIRE OF HERONTER**  
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## **SHIRE NEWS**

**Deepest Condolences** to *Lady Sara of Cambridge* of Rhydderich Hael whose mother recently passed away.

**Best Wishes** for a speedy recovery to *Lady Biota Merme* of Rhydderich Hael who recently had shoulder surgery.

**Congratulations** to *THL Tiberius* for being named Kingdom Heavy Weapons Champion at Harvest Raid.

**Congratulations** to *Duke Cygnus the Blissful* on his victory in the bear pit sponsored by Duke Marcus and THL Tiberius at Harvest Raid.

**Congratulations** to *Don Antonio de Luna* on finishing his term as Kingdom thrown weapons champion and for running the tourney to name his successor at Harvest Raid.

**Congratulations** to *Lord Aaron the Swift* on receiving his AoA at Harvest Raid.

**Congratulations** to *Lord William Peregrinus* on receiving his Keystone at Harvest Raid.

**Congratulations** to *Lord Bjorn Einarrson* for making it to the finals of the Glowstick Thrown Weapons Tourney at Harvest Raid.

**Congratulations** to *Lord Dagonell the Juggler* who made it to the semi-finals of the same tourney.

**Congratulations** to *Lord William Peregrinus* who made it to the quarter-finals of the same tourney.

**Congratulations** to *Will and Thora* who celebrated their 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations** to *Dagonell and Cigfran* who celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Birthday** to *Lady Caitlin de Luna* who celebrates on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Happy Birthday** to *Lady Thora ni Drukkard* who celebrates on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations** to *Siobhan inghean ui Liathain* who is now Princess of Drachenwald!!!

**Congratulations** to *Tiberius* on winning the tournament at the Gold Chain Event in Stormsport.

**Deepest Condolences** to the family and friends of Jerry Suttner (Fadl of Rhydderich Hael) who passed away October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Congratulations** to Dona Dorinda for making it to the semi-finals of the Queen's Rapier Championship.



## **Harvest Raid Glowstick Thrown Weapons Tourney by Dagonell the Juggler**

The competition started at 9PM. Each axe had one glowstick duct-taped to its handle. Each target had a hoop of four glowsticks fastened to it. Each competitor was given three tries to sink the axe into the center of the glowing hoop to advance to the next round. But if you cut the hoop and sent glo-fluid spurting, you were immediately disqualified and lost any remaining throws.

Her majesty was the first to qualify for the next round. His majesty was the first to fail to do so. Only a double handful of throwers made it past the first round. Lord Bjorn and Lord Dagonell, both of Heronter were among their number.

The second round was the same, but the glowing hoop was made of only three glowsticks and was considerably smaller. Dagonell was eliminated in this round having missed the third throw by the width of the axe blade. Only two throwers were left... Lady Muirgel of Rhydderich Hael and Lord Bjorn of Heronter.

The glowing ring was reduced to a mere two glowsticks, forming a ring less than a handspan in width. The marshal announced there were no limits to the number of throws. The finalists would alternate until one hit a bulls-eye to win, or hit the glow-ring to lose.

The first round of three axes each was scoreless. The second round as well. In the third round, Lord Bjorn sank his first axe just to the left of the ring. Lady Muirel stepped up to the line and threw an axe straight and true as arrow to the direct center of the target thus claiming her victory.

## Viking Baked Apples by Dagonell

I got the recipe from this website:

<http://cookit.e2bn.org/historycookbook/view.php?id=1478>

The kindest thing you can say about their documentation is that it's conjecturally correct.

Redaction:

4 apples

4 tsp honey

2 tsp steel oats

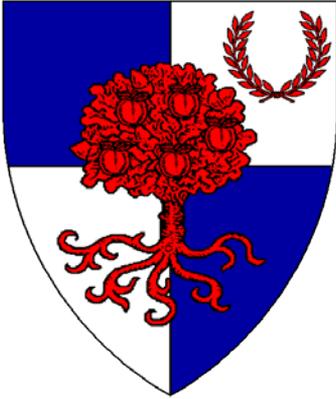
3 tsp raisins

Pre-heat oven to 375\*. Wash and core the apples with a sharp knife. Score the skin of the apple all the way around. You may wish to circle the apple more than once. Put the apples in glass oven pan and add just enough water to cover the bottom of the pan.

Mix the honey, oats, and raisins in a small mixing bowl and stuff the core of the apples. Bake for about 40 minutes. If you core all the way thru, the oats will pick up water from the pan and cook mushier. If you don't core all the way thru, the oats will only get apple juice from the apples and cook crunchier. I find I prefer the crunch. YMMV.

I think this recipe makes a nice little dessert, or a wonderful breakfast on a cold Saturday morning. I would also recommend it as a feast dessert, it's period-oid, cheap, simple to make, and just a little bit out of the ordinary.





**Coppertree Cooks Collegium**  
**A.k.a. Feudal Food Fight!**  
**(November 5, 2011)**

The Shire of Coppertree opens its kitchens for a day of trial and fun! The populace is invited to join in the creation and celebration of medieval food on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in Rome, NY.

Event highlights include:

- \* Open kitchen — bring ingredients or select provisions from our basic pantry.
- \* Mystery Basket Challenge — grab a basket of pre-selected ingredients.
- \* All day sideboard — take a taste of the treats cooked all day by event participants! Basic bread and soup will be provided. Attendees are also encouraged to bring a dish to pass with period flair.

Current class conceptions: period cooking, gluten-free gastronomy, kitchen management and feast food safety, as well as sugar paste and subtleties. If you wish to teach a class, please contact the autocrat; we'd love to learn from you!

This food fun free-for-all does come with some rules and regulations:

- \* All food must be medieval in nature.
- \* All ingredients must be listed (no poisonings!)
- \* No alcohol allowed — This is a dry site. No alcohol can be at site for cooking. Pre-made dishes may contain alcohol.

In addition to the culinary activities, fencing is planned (with tasty treats for the winners). Please wear appropriate footwear so as not to leave black scuff marks. Site opens at 9 a.m., closes at 9 p.m.

Please RSVP so we have sufficient ingredients on hand to play with. Also, alert us immediately to any allergies — esp. peanut, fish or mushroom allergies. Seafood is planned among the food selections (unless severe allergies are reported).

The site is at 400 N. George St., Rome, NY 13440. Directions: Take your best route to the NYS Thruway. Take exit 33 Verona/Rome/Oneida and take 365 east to South James St. Turn left onto Erie Blvd. West, then right onto N. George St. A Tops grocery shop is located at 217 Erie Blvd. West. Also, a Price Chopper supermarket can be found at 1790 Black River Blvd.

Site fee: \$10. Children 12 and younger \$5 and children age 6 and under are guests of the Shire. Please make checks out to the Shire of Coppertree, SCA, Inc. A non-member surcharge of \$5 will be in effect.

Class suggestions and questions on the kitchen goings on can be directed to our autocrat, Rowan de la Garnison, (Loie Hodge, 6419 County Highway 18, West Winfield NY 13491) at 315-855-4402 (no calls after 9 p.m.), or e-mail [lepus64@frontiernet.net](mailto:lepus64@frontiernet.net) - please list "cooks collegiums" in the subject line. Please send reservations to Lady Elwyn Stone (Susan Schiffer), 9658 Elpis Road, Camden, NY 13316, or e-mail [exchequer@coppertree.aethelmearc.org](mailto:exchequer@coppertree.aethelmearc.org).

For overnight accommodations, Rome has a Quality Inn at 200 South James Street and a Wingate By Wyndham at 90 Dart Circle.





## Hallowtide VI

Greetings unto the populace of Æthelmearc. The Shire of Blackwater once again invites you to find time to come celebrate Hallowtide with us on November 5th 2011 A.S. 46.

Come share in our fellowship as the weather turns colder and our thoughts turn from outside activities to indoor activities and events. To that end we invite the populace of Æthelmearc to come and relax with us. Bring your armor and your round shields as there will be some interesting fighting in an indoor gym. We will be holding our Viking round shield tourney and Viking blood brother tournament as well. Fencing will be available once again.

On the A&S side, 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 interested gentles. There will be a few classes that have been hits in the past as well. Further details on those will be forthcoming.

The Pumpkin carving contest, of course, is always a hit! Did you goof up your Fall gourd or did the kids bust yours? Come carve one for us!

There will also be a silent auction. Donations will be graciously accepted -- and so will bidders!

A wondrous feast inspired by The Canterbury Tales will be presented by Lady Renata La Rouge (Karen Finnemore). Please contact Renata at (585)808-9909 or ladyren@gmail.com with any dietary concerns or requests (no calls after 9pm please). Side board

will also be served as part of the event entrance fees. Contact the Event Steward for dietary concerns about the sideboard.

Hallowtide VI will take place at our usual site: 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. Trinity is a most emphatically dry site.

The event fee is \$8 for adults (18 years and older). The fee for children ages 6 to 17 is \$4 and the littles gentles (5 and under) may enter free of charge. The \$5 non member surcharge will be collected by the tollners, so please remember to bring acceptable proof of membership. A separate charge for the feast of \$7.00 for gentles from 10 years old will be charged; those under 10 eat for free.

Reservations may be sent to: Duchess Anna Blackleaf (Cheryl Moore), 4115 S. Nine Mile Rd., Lot 119, Allegany, NY 14706. Paid reservations are the best as we cannot recognize unpaid requests. Please make your payment payable to: SCA Inc. Shire of Blackwater.

The Event Stewards for Hallowtide VI are Lord Valentine Lyme (W. Chas Ronolder IV) & Lord Raadjgier Katla (Charles Schappacher). Any questions or concerns can be addressed to wchasr@yahoo.com or 3274 Maple Avenue, Allegany, NY, 14706, (716) 372-3713 (Lyme) or topdrake@yahoo.com or (716) 307-3840 (Raadjgier).

## DIRECTIONS

From the East: Take your best route to I86 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 and turn right. Trinity United Methodist is on the right hand side of the street and parking is in a small lot and on the street.

From the West: Take your best route to I86 west bound. Take Exit #25 (Buffalo Street) and turn right 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 and turn right. Trinity United Methodist is on the right hand side of the street and parking is in a small lot and on the street.

From the North: Coming south on Rt 16 ~ Get on I86 westbound in Maplehurst at exit 27 and follow directions from East getting off I86 at exit #25. If you are coming down Rt 219 ~ Get on I86 East bound in Salamanca or at Seneca Junction and follow directions from the West getting off I86 at exit #25. Coming down I390 follow directions from the east once you are on I86.

From the South: Make your best way to Olean thru PA. If coming up Rt 219 get on I86 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 finds this address with no problems and provides good maps to the site as well.





**Baronial Investiture  
December 10  
Barony of the Rhydderich Hael  
(West Falls, NY)**

We welcome the entire Kingdom (nay, the Entire KnowneWorld!) to join us for the investiture of Carolus and Isolde, next Baron and Baroness of the great Rhydderich Hael.

The beautiful site is St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 53 West Falls Road, West Falls, New York 14170, where we will have much merriment, learning, dancing, a gaming tournament, feasting and fun for all! Site will be open from 9 am to 9 pm. This is a dry site. Enclosed flame is allowed and encouraged at feast.

Heavy fighters, come prepared to battle outside in the Snowball Tournament! Eldormereans welcome! There will be prizes!

The autocrat is THL Ysabeau Tiercelin (Phoebe Sharp, 7895 Quaker Rd, Orchard Park, NY 4127, 716-662-2058, carnabyservices AT yahoo DOT com).

Site fee is \$10 for adults, \$8 for 6-17, free for 5 and under. Family site fee cap is \$32. Feast is \$7 for anyone sitting in a chair, babes in arms free. Feast is limited to 60, so reserve early. A lunchtime sideboard is included with your site fee. Make checks payable to SCA, Inc. Barony of the Rhydderich Hael. The \$5 NMS fee applies for anyone unable to show proof of membership.

Reservations clerk is Lady Maeve ni Siurtain (Michele Nufer, 13589 Bloomingdale Rd, #2, Akron, NY 14001, 716-542-4349, mmjordan87 AT yahoo DOT com).

Head cook is Baroness Nivah at otrobin AT aol DOT com or calls accepted before 10:00pm at 585-346-0271. Please contact her with any dietary concerns.

Curia will be held at the event - people attending Curia only may enter the site at no cost.

**DIRECTIONS:**

This site mapquests very well and that is your best bet from a distance, as well as locally.



The Queen's handmaiden applies sun block and buffs the TW Champion on orders from the Queen. (Pictures by Joe the Just)

Upcoming Calendar – includes non-SCA events of interest

**NOVEMBER**

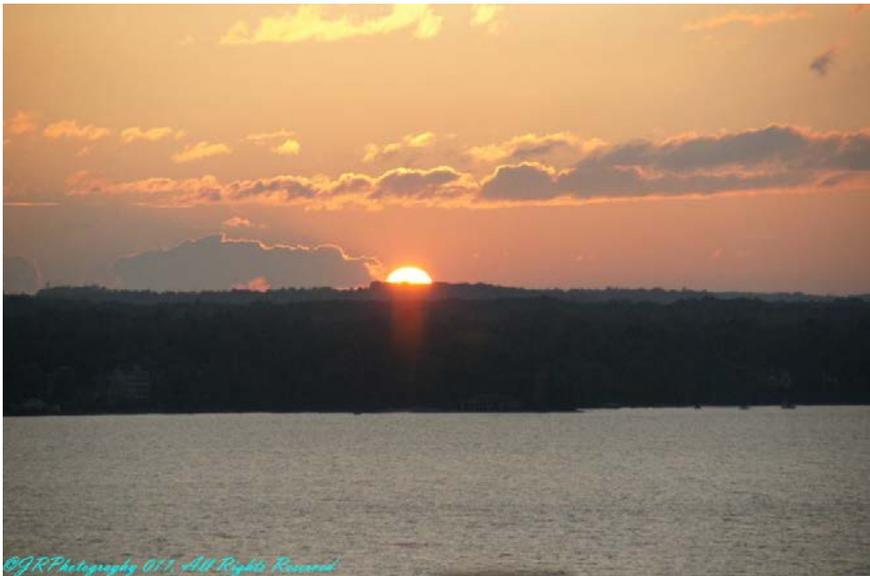
- November 2 – First Quarter Moon
- November 5 – Cooks Collegium (Coppertree)
- November 5 – Hallowtide (Blackwater)
- November 5 – Queen’s Rapier and Royal Bard Champs  
St. Swithin’s Bog
- November 6 -- Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 8 -- Election Day
- November 10 – Full Moon
- November 11 -- Veteran's Day
- November 12 – AAcademy (Angel’s Keep)
- November 18 – Last Quarter Moon
- November 23 -- Kit's Birthday
- November 24 -- Thanksgiving (U.S.A.)
- November 25 – New Moon

**DECEMBER**

- December 2 – First Quarter Moon
- December 7 -- Pearl Harbor Day
- December 10 – Full Moon
- December 10 – Baronial Investiture (Rhydderich Hael)
- December 16 -- Thora Winesbane’s Birthday
- December 17 – Last Quarter Moon
- December 21-28 -- Hanukkah
- December 22 -- Yule
- December 22 -- Winter Solstice
- December 24 -- Christmas Eve
- December 24 – New Moon
- December 25 -- Christmas Day
- December 25-31 -- Kwanzaa
- December 26 -- Boxing Day (Canada)
- December 31 -- New Year's Eve

Additional photos of Harvest Raid may be seen on Joe the Just’s photo album at: <http://s153.photobucket.com/albums/s226/jonozaguy/myPhotography/HarvestRaids2011>

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