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*Master Ian Kennevan receives a gift after being lauded by T R M
Marcus and Margerite at Coronation. Photo by Rosemary Kennevan*

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Documented from the Rolls and Files of the Coram Regibus of Thomas Byron et Ariella, Rex et Regina Eshelmearc. Being a True Record of the Business of Their Majesties Final Court at the 23rd Annual Harvest Raid.

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Their Majesties also invited Sir Ian Kennoven before Them, and then Convened those members of the Most Noble Order of the Laurel present. They then commended him unto the Order's care to continue to advise him as he considered induction into their number.

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Their Majesties then desired the attendance of Lægair Mac Conaill Meic Shiadakhail. Citing his contributions to the Gazette and his dedication to fighting, Their Majesties were minded to Award him Arms. Scroll by Lady Felice de Thornton.

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At a loss for how to ensure the security of the Kingdom, His Majesty called for His Seneschal, Duke Christopher Rawlyns, who reminded him Of a tournament held not long ago, and that the winner of that tournament, Prince Marcus, was the lawful Heir to the Sylvan Throne. Prince Marcus also came forward to assert his claim and fill the void left by the "disappointing children" of Their Majesties bodies. Duke Malcolm, on behalf of the Earl Marshal, also affirmed that the tournament was lawful, and Marcus the uncontested winner, and thus heir to the throne. Dame Arefna, Mistress of the Lists, also proclaimed to all assembled that the tournament had been held in accordance with the laws and policies, that all had conducted themselves with chivalry, and

that Marcus had emerged the victor on that day. Finally, the Silver Buckle Herald confirmed that Marcus and Margerite were crowned Prince and Princess upon that day, and that their parents had been duly appointed.

Hearing these words, Their Majesties were gladdened to know that They would not leave the kingdom unattended. His Majesty asked the Prince for a little time in which to conclude Their business, and the Prince granting this request, withdrew.

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Their Majesties then called for Prince Marcus and Princess Margerite. Heirs to the Sylvan Thrones. Their Highnesses swore to use Their royal power to love all that was true and fair, to be true to Their people, and to protect the Realm. As Their last acts as King and Queen, Thomas Byron and Ariella crowned Marcus and Margerite the 39th monarchs of the Kingdom of Ebelmearc.

Thus begins the Scrolls of the Reign of Marcus III and Margerite, King and Queen of Athelmearc. Documented: the Business of Their Court at the 23rd Annual Harvest Raid and Coronation.

Their Majesties did call for Lord Jacob Dummore, and for his services to the Crown, they did name him a Baron of the Court. Scroll by Duchess Dorinda Courtenay. Thus recognized, Her Majesty named Baron Jacob as the Captain of Her Guard. The Captain then assembled Her Majesty's Guard.

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Lord Aaron the Swift was then called forward. His Majesty spoke of Lord Aaron's prowess on the field and of the renown he has earned among the fighting community, and so inducted Lord Aaron into the Order of the Golden Alce. Scroll unsigned.

Next, Sir Ian Kennovan was summoned before Their Majesties. When asked for his answer as to whether he wished to be counted among the companions of the Order of the Laurel, Sir Ian did answer in the affirmative. Therefore, the Order of the Laurel was invited to join Their Majesties in Their Court. Duke Mathew Blackleaf then came forward as a royal peer and spoke of Sir Ian's exceptional service, how he inspires others, and how he has an understanding of the nuances of the kingdom. Speaking for the Order of Chivalry Sir Otto of Westphalia spoke of how Sir Ian's chivalry is not just confined to the list, but that he is honorable and humble in all aspects of his life and conduct. Master Anias Fenn spoke on behalf of the Order of Defense regarding that nebulous something that Sir Ian has to inspire others who are in his presence. Master Filippo de Sancto Martino spoke for the Order of Pelican to Sir Ian's service when no one else watches, how he has persevered and learned through failure and is not afraid to fail, how he finds ways to overcome the impossible, and serves with joy while living The Dream. Master Meszaros Janos spoke of Sir Ian as one who is both skilled as an artist and a scientist and how rare a trait this is. He spoke of how Sir Ian will bring this trait to the Order and how the Order and the Kingdom would benefit. Hearing the words of these peers, Their Sylvan Majesties were moved to induct Sir Ian into the Order of the Laurel. They called for a hood to cover his head, a pin to let others know of his new station, a wreath of laurels to crown his brow, and a fruitcake to fill his belly. Having regaled him thus, Their Majesties received his oath and proclaimed him to the populace as a Companion of the Order of the Laurel. Scroll, in the form of a round shield, was constructed by Master Caoineán Searchaidh and Mistress Cynthia Love of Tower, with words by Duchess Dorinda Courtenay.

To the autocrats and staff of Coronation / Harvest Raid... Thank you so much for allowing the scribes to have a place to gather. Thank you for making it such a prominent

space and for having it all ready for us to set up when we arrived on Saturday morning.

To the scribes and future scribes that gathered in this space....Thank you for making our playtime a success. There was so much teaching and learning happening around that table. I cannot even express how wonderful it is to see that happening.

I hope to see similar gatherings at many more events.

Y.B.Roberta

Congratulations to Lord Laegaire Mac Conaill Meic Shiadhaill. Who fought in his first Crown Journey this fall and beat a Knight in the first round.



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Congratulations to our new shire officers

*Ginevra Isabella Del Dolce our new A&S Officer
Helena Lyncoln of Norfolk our new Chronicler
and Kawamura no Ryotaro Yoshichi our new Webmaster*

Heronster Demo Report: The Fredonia Maker Faire

By Dagonell the Juggler

It was a very blustery day. Dinnie the Pook and Piglet left their homes in the Hundred Acre Wood and...

Cops, wrong story. It was a very blustery day. My wife and I left our home at dawn to drive to the State University of NY at Fredonia to start setting up our demo for the first Fredonia Maker Faire.

It was originally planned that we would be outside the new science building so fighters and fencers could fight on the lawn. A couple of the officials decided it was too cold and windy and rainy and just too darn blustery. So they got a couple of volunteers to help us re-pack our stuff and transport it all to the Williams Center and help us re-set up. The volunteers all wore bright yellow t-shirts to identify themselves. Naturally, the exhibitors promptly renamed them Makers' Minions. With their aid, we were fully set-up before the faire opened.

The faire was originally supposed to be just the Science Building, but they got so many exhibitor responses that they extended the faire into the next building and there were exhibits in both the Science Building and the Williams Center. Nearly 100 exhibits in all. We got the second floor of the Williams Center all to ourselves. The main hall in the Williams Center is two stories tall. The second floor wraps around it like a ring with pillars forming niches all along the balcony side. The organizers put up an extra sign announcing "The Shire" was upstairs.

We draped banners off the balconies to hang down into the central hall. We set up an armor display in the first niche along with a chainmail making demo. In the second niche, we set up miscellaneous display objects including embroidery, garb, heraldry and a medieval cookbook. In the third niche, we set up a calligraphy and illumination display with a illumination demo. When the fencers arrived, they took over the fourth niche for their weapons and gear.

Master Otfried Ammertaler and m'lady Artemisa da Manarola arrived from the Rhydderich Hael just before the official opening. Lord Coinneich Mac an Leigh and T.H.L. Clarissa da Svizzera from Thescore came shortly afterward. The doors opened and we had a slow but steady stream of fair-goers. We announced the teaching of a few simple country dances, and Artemisia, the Hael's dance mistress, led the audience through them.

When our fencers, Lord Hjorn Einarsson and Baron Jacob of Dunmoore arrived and armored up, I announced from the balcony that there had been a falling out amongst the king's musketeers and matters were to be settled by the sword. This was not choreographed, nor rehearsed nor pre-determined. Skill alone would decide the winner. Within two minutes nearly everyone from the hall below was now upstairs packed solidly from wall to wall awaiting the combat.

Jacob and Hjorn gave a wonderful display of skill. When they stopped, we had dozens of people by our tables, trying on jackets, helms, coifs, surcoats, gauntlets, swords and bucklers while we talked about the SCA.

At 4PM, the fair closed and we started packing up. We had brought 40 flyers. We had 8 left. We had been interviewed by the Chautauqua Star, who had come to write an article on the fair itself. The issue came out Nov. 4th and is still available here <https://issuu.com/chautauquastar/docs/110416>

Kingdom 12th Night

Hosted by Barony of Delftwood

Sponsored by Shire of Angels Keep

January 7, 2017 9:00 AM - January 7, 2017 8:30 PM



The Barony of Delftwood and The Shire of Angel's Keep invite you to celebrate Carnivale at Aethelmearc's Kingdom 12th Night on January 7th, 2017! The site is the Auburn United Methodist Church located at 99 South Avenue, Auburn, NY 13021. The site opens at 9:00 AM and will close at 8:30 PM. Anyone not offsite by then will be considered volunteers for cleanup. A delightful dayboard will be offered by Lady Joan of Delftwood. A delicious Italian feast will be prepared by The Honorable Lady Svana in Kyrra. Other festivities are being planned for the day. The site is dry.

Feast questions may be sent to TAD Svana in Kyrra ladysvana@gmail.org. Feast will be capped at 64. All other questions may be sent to the Event Steward: Mistress Oðindisa Björnsdóttir (Sarah Komar) 1907 Cotswold Court, Liverpool, NY 13090 315-373-6842. aebelady@gmail.com

*Adult Event Registration (13+ years old): \$19
Adult Member Discount Event Registration (13+ years old): \$7
Children (5-12 years old): \$5
Babes in arms: Free*

*Feast: \$8.00 Adults, (13+ years old)
\$4 Children (5-12 years old),
(0-4 Free, but must reserve to have a chair.)
Mail checks to: SCA, Inc - Barony of Delftwood, PO Box 6694, Syracuse NY, 13217
Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc. Barony of Delftwood*

Many amenities surround the site. Wegman's, restaurants, and hotels are within minutes of the site. Available hotels are the Super 8, Hilton Garden Inn, and Days Inn. The site is located just 15 minutes from NY 90.

Directions:

From NY 90 Thruway/ I-90: Take Exit 40. Turn right onto Rt 34 south and drive for approximately 9.5 miles/15 minutes. Route 34 turns into South Street. The site will be on the right. Turn right onto Fitch Street to park. Use second entrance on right.

From the south east side of the kingdom: Take Rt 81 North. Exit to Rt 79 west. Follow Rt 79 into Ithaca. Then take Route 34 north. Route 34 turns into South Street once in Auburn. It is approximately 36.5 miles/45 minutes to site from Ithaca. The site will be on the left. Turn left onto Fitch Street to park. Use second entrance on the right.

From central areas of the kingdom: Take your best route to Rt 86/Southern Tier Expressway to Horseheads, NY. Take Rt 13 northeast approximately 64 miles/1.5 hours to Ithaca. Take Rt 13 through Ithaca. Take the NY-34 Exit towards Stewart Park/Auburn. Turn left onto NY 34 North. Follow NY 34 approximately 35 miles to Auburn. Route 34 turns into South Street. The site will be on the left. Turn left onto Fitch Street to park. Use second entrance on the right.

Shire Twelfth Night

January 14th

Please invite your friends to come and enjoy this time with us. Not just shire members, all SCA'dians and your friends. There are people out there who would like to know more about us. What a great way to introduce friends to the SCA. Please join the Shire of Heronster as we celebrate a Tudor Twelfth Night! There will be feasting and fencing, games and contests, and likely, a pirate gift exchange (bring one to get one!) There will be an A&S competition as well as a table decorating contest along with a silent auction. Our Twelfth Night event has always been a great celebration and each year we strive to make it better. This year we are looking toward a Tudor theme and want to make our event as period as possible. Any suggestions or anything you would like to add, can be sent to Dr Uriel Isaacovich (Nigel of Southwood) 352 4th Street, Jamestown NY 14701. nigelofsouthwood@gmail.com or contact the autocrat on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/itzhak.netanyahu.1> Please also tell him what food you will be bringing to the event as it is a Dish to Pass, Potluck feast event and a royal progress. This event will take place on January 14, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church, 509 Prendergast Avenue, Jamestown, NY 14701. Doors will open at 10:00 am and close at 9:00 pm.

Calendar of Events

December 24th Christmas Eve

December 25th Christmas

December 25th First Day of Chanukah/Hannukah

December 26th First Day of Kwanzaa

December 31st New Years Eve

January 1st New Year's Day

January 1st End of Chanukah/ Hannukah

January 1st End of Kwanzaa

January 5th Twelfth Night

January 7th Kingdom Twelfth Night <http://aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=1192>

January 14th Shire Twelfth Night <http://aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=1198>

If you would like your birthday or other significant mundane events (anniversaries etc) to be included in future newsletters send any relevant info (date etc) to the chronicler. Don't assume if previously submitted the new chronicler has it.

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Dagonell demonstrates chainmail at Makers Faire. Photo by m'lady Artemisa da Nazarola used with permission