

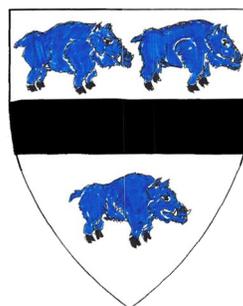
Tales from the Mist

*From the Seneschal*

Greetings one and all,

Well another month has come and gone. As we move into April I am reminded of the opening lines of Chaucer's Canterbury tales

"WHAN that Aprille with his shoures soote  
The droghte of Marche hath perced to the roote,  
And bathed every veyne in swich licour,  
Of which vertu engendred is the flour"



If you have an interest in learning something new, whether it be song, dance, metal working, wood working or what ever strikes your fancy, I encourage you to go to our various guilds and/or talk with people in and out of our Shire.

You will find that people in the SCA love sharing their knowledge and teaching their arts. Never think "oh, I can't do that" or "it looks too hard to do. " Every artist had to start at

the beginning, so I encourage all of you that want to try something new to go for it; you will be glad you did.

Yours in service,

**Lord Edward Blosseville de Monreale**



**CALENDAR**

Fellowship Meetings (FM)

Fighter Practice (Heavies)  
Jastro Park Thursdays @7 pm

Bardic Fellowship  
3rd Thursday @ 7pm

Future Events

APRIL 9 Shire Meeting 7PM  
Tony's Pizza

APRIL 25-27 Treasure Chest  
(Nordwache/Hickey Park)

MAY 14 Shire Meeting 7PM

MAY 17 Wintermist Anniversary

JUNE 7-8 Spring Coronation  
(Carreg Wen)

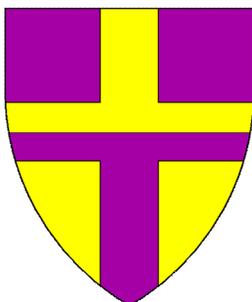
JUNE 11 Shire Meeting 7PM

JULY 5 Games Tourney

JULY 9 Shire Meeting 7PM

SEPT 6 3-5 Baronies

Growing up, I was encouraged to read all the classics and thus developed a love for the study of the humanities and Western Civ literature. The SCA has definitely given me a place to continue pursuing my love of literature and art among other things.



*Heralds Report*



The March meeting of the College of Heraldry was held at Collegium this year and wound up with about fifty submissions being seen from the kingdom, nineteen came at Collegium. The Flourish had eight submissions - six from Wintermist and two from Nordwache. All of our submissions were sent on to the Laurel Queen of Arms for registration.

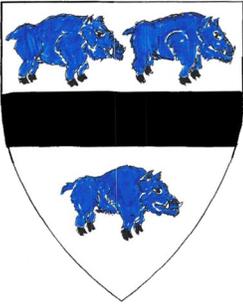
New Name & Device: **Isannay of Crouherst**; *Argent on a pall vert between three crowes sable, two shepherd's crooks addorsed and an arrow argent.*



Name Resubmission from Laurel: **Simon Faelan**



Name Resubmission from Laurel: **Ron of Wintermist**



## Becoming A Squire

A while back I was asked to write an article on being a Squire and basically what it means to me. Granted, this is a fairly subjective topic because it means different things for different people.

First off, with any Peer/student relationship, whether Knight/Squire, Laurel/Apprentice or Pelican/Protégé, it is a private, non-recognized relationship. Meaning, it holds no status within the SCA.

I am Squired to Sir Arion Hirsch von Schutzenheim, KSCA of Caid. I squired to Sir Arion over 14 years ago and although I have only sworn fealty once to him, my oath to him stands until I am either elevated to the Order of the Chivalry, death take me, or the world ends. Our relationship is one based on friendship first, I was friends with Arion before I took the red belt; it is also based on an agreement that he would train me as a fighter as well as what it means to have peer-like qualities and I would assist him on and off the field to the best of my abilities. My assistance includes setting up camp, helping him with armor both getting in and out of his suit. If I am not fighting in a tourney, then I stand at his side assisting much like a caddy in golf. If I know anything about his opponent, I will pass on any knowledge to him. I will also carry his sword, shield and helmet to lighten his load to and from the field.

For those who saw me at this past Crown Tourney, I was doing just that for Arion.

After rereading what I have written so far, I realize that I have used some terms that perhaps some may not understand. I will give some basic definitions to assist in understanding.

**Fealty** - an oath between two parties, a vassal to a lord or a Knight to the Crown etc. it defines what is expected of the vassal and in return what the liege lord will do for the vassal.

**Red Belt** - just as the Chivalry use white belts, squires wear a red belt to signify their status. usually the tip of the belt holds the arms of the Knight to whom they have squired.

**Peer** - a member of one of the following orders: Chivalry, Laurels or Pelicans.

**Peer-like qualities** - To comport oneself as a peer of the realm, whether recognized as one or not.

I will continue this article in next month's Tales of the Mist

---Lord Edward Blosseville de Monreale

## You Know You're in the SCA When...

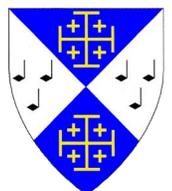
- You spent more money this year on your period housing than your mundane housing.
- Your university diploma is "tucked away somewhere" but your AoA is framed and on display on the most prominent wall space in the house.
- You slip and address a coworker as Milord or Milady.
- You yell "Huzzah" at mundane events instead of cheering "normally".
- You've brushed your teeth with beer, because it was easier to find than clean water.
- After a party you ask yourself: "Hm. Now where are my clothes?" and you're stone sober and fully dressed.
- You describe road signs in "herald speak", so a traffic signal becomes: In pale three roundels, gules, Or, and vert.
- You get investigated by Children's Protective Services for "cross-dressing" your little boy...and you call your Baroness to get you out of it...and it works.



## Chronicler's Corner

Many thanks to those who contributed to this month's TALES: Master Manus le Dragonier, Lord Edward Blosseville de Monreale, Lady A'isha al-Raqqasa and Lord Ardgall mac Domnaill.

~Lady Jani Shirazi





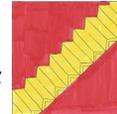
## Herald's Report Continued

Device Change for **Alexander Hostilius of Caid**: *Sable, a hippotamus statant between four crescents in saltire points outward and a bordure Or.*



New Name & Device: **Æsa Sigurdsdottir**; *Argent, goutte de poix, a dragon couchant purple.*

Badge resubmission for **Estrith Rasmusdatter**: *Gules, a staircase bendwise sinister Or.*



New Badge submission for **Sigridr hvita refr (Nordwache)**: *[Fieldless], on a fox statant contourney argent a broadarrow head inverted sable.*



New Name & Device: **Jordan of Nordwache**: *Argent, an orca embowed proper within a bordure embattled purple.*



And just in from the Laurel Queen of Arms for the February Letter of Acceptances and Returns:



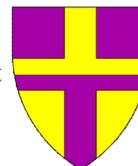
**Fergus MacDuff**, Device resubmission: *Per pale purple and argent a hanging balance counterchanged.* Laurel said Nice Device!

This was one of ten submissions accepted from Caid. There were no returns.

### College of Herald's

At this time the College of Herald's meeting is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>; this is Easter Sunday and may affect some members of the Flourish attending. If there is a date change it will be posted on our Facebook site for Wintermist as well as on the Flourish site. The next Flourish meeting will be on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Dennyø on Merle Haggard Blvd. (out by the airport) at 7pm. All are welcome.

~Master Manus leDragonier, Wintermist Purisuvant



Special thanks to **Lord Ardgal mac Domnaill** for finding all the heraldry artwork!

**A & S THEMES**

April

*Cheeses/Functional Art*

MAY

*Fighting*

*Helms, swords, steel or rattan, shields, armor, armor cover, paintings drawings, you name it. If it concerns fighting, it's in*

JUNE

*Flowers/Anything Floral*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

*The Chamberlain was the servant in charge of lighting the fires*

*Smith can refer to any craftsperson, blacksmith, leathersmith, goldsmith, etc*

*Blackwood meant you lived near the Black Woods*

*Overbrook meant you had to cross a brook to get to that person*

*Prefixes and suffixes such as -son, -ian, -sen, Fitz-, Up-, & Mac- all meant "Son of..." so Matthew Fitzwilliam actually means Matthew son of William*

## *CALL FOR ARTICLES*

### *“NEWS FROM THE NORTH”*

Call for articles for News From the North! All the news that's fit to print! Ok, well maybe not quite. But I would like to see articles from Wintermistians in this biannual newsletter. If you don't know what to write here are some ideas:

1. Write about the most recent event you went to, what stood out? Who won the various tournaments/competitions?
2. Write about something you love to do - example: are you a jewelry maker? what technique do you like? favorite materials? what drew you to that art form?
3. Write about a visit to a neighbor - maybe you went to Nordwache Yule, tell us about your experience from a Wintermist perspective.
4. Have you recently researched a really neat piece of info that pertains to our shared hobby? please tell us about that!
5. Maybe you have a poem that you'd like to share.
6. Do you have a favorite recipe of a dish you take to war or day events?

These are just a FEW of the ideas you could run with. Let's see Wintermist sweep the News From the North with articles! **Deadline is May 20th** and will be presented to the Royals at coronation. You can find me on Facebook or on our shire contact list.

~Lady A'isha al-Raqqasa



## *Caidan Awards- the What & Why*

Next month we will have the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Shire of Wintermist. This will be celebrated by a tournament on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping that we will have the presence of Their Royal Majesties Conrad and A'isha and their heirs; Lord Agrippa and Mistress Bridget at our event. At such times it is traditional for the Royals to reward and acknowledge the service, arts and martial prowess of their citizens. But this only occurs when individuals write to Our Majesties and tell them how wonderful our people are! (Running Caid keeps them busy and they need your help.) It is up to you and your friends to recommend someone for an award from our King and Queen. Below are a list of awards and some personal guidelines as to what makes them eligible. You can also go to the Caid site and see a complete list of awards and explanations on the heralds page.

Use these guidelines as a help for writing up people for awards. For Shire Acknowledgements please post to the appropriate Facebook group in Wintermist. If you have any questions about if a person is eligible for an award please contact me privately and your message will be treated in strict confidence.

**Youth Awards:** if you have a child active in the SCA but too young for an AoA (usually under 12) this is a way for them to be recognized. **Order of the Acorn** is like an AoA but there are now separate awards for service and arts as well. **Order of the Shining Star** is for Youth Combat.

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## *Caidan Awards- Continued*

**Award of Arms:** this is usually the first award someone gets in the SCA. If you have been active and participating for a couple of years or really active for less you can be eligible. It grants you the title of Lord or Lady and has your device become a “coat of arms”.

**Order of the Dolphin:** this award is for service to your group and the kingdom. This is a person who helps run things so the rest of us can have fun.

**Order of the Harp Argent:** this award is for doing well or performing in an art or science related to the middle ages- costume making, brewing, leathercraft, jewelry and ceramics are but a few of the categories this award is for. (And you can win more than once for different skills!)

**Order of the Crescent Sword:** for being a good heavy weapons fighter.

**Order of the Duelist:** for being good at rapier combat.

**Order of the Argent Arrow:** for being proficient at target archery.

**Grant level awards-** these awards are given for several years of continuous work and effort in a given field. They change your title to include the words **The Honorable Lord or Lady** before your name. You are also allowed to use supporters when displaying your arms. Here are some of the grant level awards: **Order of the Crescent** (service), **Order of the Gauntlet** (Heavy weapons), **Order of the Lux Caidus** (arts & sciences), **Order of the White Scarf** (rapier combat), **Order of the Chiron** (archery). There is also a grant level award for Equestrian Arts.

I will leave the Peerage Level awards for another article. If you want more information follow the guidelines on the Caid page to the proper contacts. Since Wintermist is a Shire at this time we do not have awards. The reason for this is that we do not have a ceremonial “Head” usually a Baron or Baroness to hand these out. What we have developed is guilds or companies that give out acknowledgements. Here are the local “awards”:

**Guild of the Gillyflower-** this is for service to the Shire and Kingdom.

**Guild of the Lyre Or-** this is for work in the arts and sciences.

**Company of the Vane-** this award is for valiant behavior in any of the martial arts- heavy, rapier or combat archery.

**Company of the Noble Touch-** this award is given only once a year by the holder to another individual that they feel is the most courteous and noble in the Shire.

**Heart of Wintermist-** given to an individual for years of extensive service to the Shire. It has only been awarded three times in the History of the Shire. The first was to Mistress Eileen do Pico, the second to Lady Drishana (second seneschal of Wintermist) and the third was to Master Donn, Son of Fergus (our first seneschal and exemplar of service and duty to the Shire and Kingdom).

**‘Flakes of Wintermist-** an award that was for people from outside the Shire who came and helped us extensively over a long period of time. Examples of this are His Grace Duke Sven and Baron Mahmud who came and ran fighter practices before we had Alexander and the Horsemen. This award allows the holder not to pay a site fee to any local event and entrance to any feast as a guest of the Shire.

~Master Manus leDragonier, Wintermist Purisivant





**CURRENT CHAMPION OF  
WINTERMIST AND  
PROTECTOR OF THE  
FLOCK**



**Lord Raynor Boleheued**

Photo by A'isha al-Raqqasa

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