

Shire of Wintermist,
Kingdom of Caid

DECEMBER 2013
(A.S. 48)

TALES FROM THE MIST

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CAID CALENDAR

DEC 14 Nordwache Yule
DEC 15 Dreiburgen Yule
DEC 21 Starkhafn Yule
JAN 4 CAID 12th Night
(Calafia)
JAN 18 Angels Melee
JAN 25 Gyldenholt Unbelted

(See SCA-Caid.org for full calendar)



WINTERMIST CALENDAR

Fellowship Meetings (FM)

Fighter Practice (Heavies)
Jastro Park Thursdays @7 pm

Archery & Thrown Weapons
Sundays@2pm Master Donn's
(No practice Jan 5)

Future Events

DEC 31 TALES Articles Due
JAN 8 Shire Meeting 7PM
JAN 11 Golf Course Road
Cleanup 10am
FEB 12 Shire Meeting 7PM
MAR 12 Shire Meeting 7PM
APRIL 5 Knewbie Knockabout
APRIL 9 Shire Meeting 7PM
MAY 14 Shire Meeting 7PM
MAY 17 Wintermist Anniversary
JUNE 11 Shire Meeting 7PM
JULY 5 Games Tourney
JULY 9 Shire Meeting 7PM
SEPT 6 3.5 Baronies

See [Wintermist Calendar](#) for full details

From the Seneschal

Greetings to the populace and friends of the Shire of Wintermist!

We are now heading into the end of the year with lots of Yule celebrations. If you have not had a chance to go to a Yule in another territory, I highly encourage you to go. It is a time of merriment, sharing of arts and feasting.

In my many years of playing, I have many fond memories of going to various Yule celebrations. One of my favorites was when I served TRM Gerhard and Una on their guard. We all went to The Barony of Dreiburgen's Yule feast. It was held at a castle in Dreiburgen and was a walking feast held throughout the vast grounds of the estate. One of the moments that really sticks in my mind about that event was the live chess game that was played. A full size chess board played with attendees as the pieces.

Remember, the SCA is what you put into it. It can be as little or as much as you want it to be. Remember, though without your help, it won't be. Please, when going to events, consider volunteering to help even just a little bit.

The people putting on these events that we attend put in countless hours to prepare the site and plan the day's schedule to make it as enjoyable as it can be. Any gift of assistance with set up or site cleanup is greatly appreciated. Our goal in the Society is to leave the sites we use cleaner than we found them.

And with that, I bid you all a joyous Yuletide and a prosperous New Year!

Yours in service to Caid,

~Lord Edward Blosseville de Monreale

From the Chronicler

Starting something new is always exciting and challenging and I appreciate the Shire's support of my taking on the job of Chronicler. I have big shoes to fill as Lady A'isha has done a superb job for the past few years! I want to thank all the contributors for the timely and well written submissions to this months' Tales:

Lord Edward Blosseville de Monreale
Master Manus le Dragonier
Master Donn, son of Fergus
THL Galen Deleon
Lady A'isha al-Raqqasa
Lord Da'ud ibn Ma'bad
Lady Casper of Wintermist

Submissions are welcome anytime during the month, please email submissions to me at jolenecl@gmail.com and use the subject "TALES" in the email message.

In Your Service,

~Lady Jani Shirazi

Heralds' Report

After all the bustle in October brought on with Great Western War and the changing of several officers including our Seneschal and Chronicler we are in a period where things are usually slow in the area of heraldry. Only one event remained on our yearly calendar and that was our Yule Celebration at the end of November. But by the happy coincidence of having very active royalty we were blessed with Their Majesties Conrad and A'isha's presence at our Yule celebration. Her Majesty added three more Wintermistians to the Queen's Guard who co-incidentally are also Horsemen; Lady Verina Calista and Brand of the Horsemen and Sarus Cognomen Oduulf. The following awards were presented by Their Majesties in the days' formal activities at court.

First court awards presented at Wintermist Yule:

Mahri Tabrizi- Award of Arms

Sunnifa Jonsdottir- Award of Arms

Heinrich Augustein von Helden- Award of Arms

Roes Meurdoch- Order of the Dolphin

Alexander Aethelwulf-sunu- Order of the Dolphin

Colette Olivier le Fournier- Order of the Harp Argent (for cooking & brewing)

Second court awards presented at Wintermist Yule:

Lily de Llyn- Award of Arms

Kale al-Raqqasa- Court Baroness

The days tournament was won by THLord Titus whose consort for the day was THLady Katherine of Hornechurch. Second place was won by Lord Raynor Boleheued whose consort was the Lady Estrith Rasmusdatter. Nine fighters participated in the days' fighting and the finals were best two of three falls in Icelandic Bearpit Wrestling.

Master Cormac Mor as Rose Pursuivant handled court heraldry for the day as well as announcing the finals of the tournament. Lady Estrith, a Wintermist Pursuivant and Lady Verina and m'Lady Alexandria, a Wintermist Macer each heralded a round of the tournament.

THLord Alexander also honored us by heralding a round of the tournament. We want to compliment all the fighters and marshals for being able to complete the tournament in constricted time due to winter lighting.

To complete the busy weekend the Caidan College of Heraldry meeting followed the next day. Ardgall, Estrith and Manus attended representing northern Caid.

We presented two submissions, a name and device for the Barony of Starkhafn sent on to Laurel and a name change for Wintermist. Bobila filia Alexandrou changed her name to Alexandria Vitalis which was also sent to the Laurel Quenn of arms for registration.

~ **By Master Manus le Dragonier, Wintermist Pursuivant**

Gifting Artists

I was thinking of all my past exploits in the SCA not only as a fighter, but as a musician, and one of my fondest memories as being asked to play my saz (Turkish stringed Instrument) at the An-Tir royal camp many, many years ago. It wasn't so much the performance, as I am sure I could have played better.

The memory was of a Duchess from An-Tir. After I played and sang a few Turkish songs for the assembled group, Her Grace, (forgive me, I remember not her name) pulled a medallion off of her Turkoman head dress and gave it to me as a token of appreciation for my "gift of music" as she had worded it.

Now, I have played in bands and have been well paid for my perform-

ances, but this was the first time I had experienced someone in the SCA actually gifting me a token of some worth for me casually playing in a camp. I still have her gift; it was a silver and fire gilded medallion with a few carnelians set into the piece.

My point of this reminiscing is this: reward performers that make an impression to you. Now, it doesn't need to be something extravagant as I received these many years ago. A pewter coin, a handmade bauble, or whatever will do. You never know what kind of impression you will make on that artist.

~ **Lord Edward Blosseville de Monreal**



Photo by Lady Casper of Wintermist

Frost Dragon Tourney Thrown Weapons Champion

Congratulations to **Lord Da'ud ibn Ma'bad**, the Baronial Champion for Naevehjim in thrown weapons.

From the Fellowships

Metal Workers Fellowship

Greetings Wintermist Metal workers.

With the New Year I am looking forward to having more classes, tell me what you would like to see or do. Would you like to see "The care and grooming of your anvil"? How about "I broke my hammer, now what"? There are many suggestions on the table from the [Wintermist Beautification Committee](#), which should be discussed. I am ready to start, are you?

~ Yours in Service, **Galen Deleon, Chancellor of Metal Workers**

Drumming Fellowship

Greetings fellow drummers. I have been neglectful in my duties in running the Drummers fellowship. For that I apologize. If you are ready let us find a time we can get together out of the cold and start Drumming again. Practice playing, even if you tap your fingers on the keyboard, keep the rhythm going in your head. I will post times and places soon.

~ Yours in Service, **Galen Deleon, Chancellor of Drumming**

ON BECOMING A CHAMPION OF THE QUEEN OF CAID ~Donn, son of Fergus

It was my honor and, to be truthful, my surprise to be chosen as Her Majesty Aisha's Thrown Weapons Champion in November AS XLVIII. More by luck than skill, but overcoming significant challenges I was victorious and welcomed into the Queen's service.

On a fair Saturday morn, Lord Da'ud and I travelled south to the Barony of Altavia to compete against all and sundry in Archery and Thrown Weapons, to honor the Queen. As per the Queen's wishes, all competitors were required to have a consort. A member of the Court, Lady Arianna, was gracious enough to allow me to wear her favour upon the field. The Archery portion of the day was fast paced and exciting, with one on one "forrester's" rounds being shot in a double elimination format. The forrester's round consists of two archers each firing three arrows at a mark. The closest to the mark wins. With my consort in attendance and inspiring me, I made it to the 4th round before my final loss to Lady Rayne (who was eventually in the finals). But the day being young and my arms still strong, I went on to the thrown weapons field. It was a novelty course, with various bonuses and penalties that could be accumulated in addition to basic scoring points. No warmup throws were allowed. No matter, I had practiced my axes and knives the previous week and had sharpened everything to a razors edge. There were three throws with each weapon. Axes were up first. My first ax hit to the left side of the target and did not stick. My second flew true and I scored points. My third hit low and did not stick. Knives were next. My first did not stick, but my second did, disarming the target and scoring bonus points. My third knife stuck, but without bonus points. My three spears stuck for scores but no bonus points. I moved onto the bolos, my nemesis of the day. I took my stance in front of the black knight target, whirled the bolo boldly overhead and . . . hit myself in the eye. Ouch.

Once my vision cleared I did manage to hit the knight once. Thinking my poor showing has sealed my chances for victory (or even placing) I packed away my weapons into the vehicle and returned to enjoy the rest of the day.

While shopping for weasels and foxes, I was called to attend the thrown weapons field. It seems that my bonus points were enough to place me in a tie for third place. There was to be 5 way final competition, with one throw with each weapon. Ax, Knife and spear I threw with confidence, missing again with the bolo (but managing to avoid further injury). Master Cormac and THL Niko had also scored three points so we came down to a sudden death with a weapon of the Queen's choice. Knives it would be. Nike threw first but failed to stick. Cormac followed and also could not get a stick. Using an unfamiliar knife I took careful aim, threw and stuck. What relief it wasn't a bolo.

Attending the Queen, I was welcomed into her service and given my first task. At opening Court, Mistress Cecilia has issued a challenge from the Thrown Weapons' community to the Queen's Guard. As the new champion I took up the challenge and quickly learned that humility comes with Honours. Cecilia easily defeated me (the bolos again) and thus encouraged me to dedicate myself to the improvement of my thrown weapons skill. I just need to make some bolos and get some period safety glasses. Following my victory, previous champions and members of the Court graciously offered to help me understand my duties and responsibilities. As this is my first experience being involved with Court I am grateful for any help I can get (along with good insoles in my shoes). It is my honor to serve Queen Aisha. ~~~

~Yule Recollections~

Another Yule is now behind us and this is one that I will think fondly of in years to come! We arrived early to help Lady Collette and THL Tahira with decorating the hall. Kettel was kind enough to risk life and limb to hang garland and snowflakes from the rafters using a tallish stepstool while his lady and I stood back and applauded. Then we went home again to don our good garb.

The day started with people gathering in the main hall of the church at which the event was being held. As people arrived, so did the wall panels which soon adorned the majority of the walls in the fellowship hall, creating a very festive atmosphere. We met with old friends, including our wonderful Nordwachen neighbors, and spend some time visiting while waiting for Master Cormac to finish fighting traffic so he could be there for court.

Opening court was wonderful! Their majesties had many awards to give out: Dolphins to Lady Roes' and Lord Alexander, a Harp Argent to Lady Collette, AOA's to Lady Mihri, Lord Helden and Lady Sunnifa. Lord Haldar presented THL Kalé and I with a much appreciated parasol that had an extended handle for ease of shading

Her Majesty when walking about. During the day, fighting took place outside, of which I, being occupied for most of the day, only caught the final round consisting of Icelandic Wrestling. There were kids' activities such as orna-

ment decorating and there was a gingerbread house to be made. Evening court was just as eventful with the joy initiative in full affect; THL Katherine, Lord Jonathan, and Lady Lizzie were all recognized. Lord Titus was recognized as champion of the day, fighting for THL Kat. Another AOA was presented to Lady Lilly and finally, THL Kale was called up. She was bewildered at first, until the herald announced that the King and Queen wished to award her a Court Baronship! Her scroll had been made during the day by Lady Varina and her coronet was a wreath with a skull at the brow.

Then the feasting began, a wonderful five course meal with various entertainments and announcements happening in between. The bardic group performed wonderfully and Her Excellency Kalé and I were asked by Queen A'isha to sing a song as well. I later announced the Silver Quill recognitions. Congratulations to Master Donn and Lady Estrith for their bountiful submissions to the Newsletter!

The final event of the night was the presentation of the gingerbread house. After the populace was able to see the work of the children, their majesties gave them permission to dig in. And dig in they did.

The day was filled with fun, food, and friends from setup to break down. And I enjoyed every minute of it. Hazzah Wintermist! ~Lady A'isha al-Raqqasa



WINTERMIST OFFICERS

CURRENT CHAMPION OF WINTERMIST AND PROTECTOR OF THE FLOCK



LORD RAYNOR BOLEHEUED

Photo by A'isha al-Raqqasa



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Kingdom Awards: <http://royals.sca-caid.org/awards/awards.php>

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