

Tales from the Mist

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BUSINESS MEETING HAS A NEW LOCATION THIS MONTH! TONY'S PIZZA ON MT VERNON AVE.

FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings Shire of Wintermist, this here starts the first month of my service, one in which, as long as the populous is pleased, will have at least twenty-three more to follow. As far as it is my understanding, the position of seneschal wields no true power, only that which is bestowed by the populous, which means that through your efforts I would see our shire grow, both in numbers and in reputation. I am a believer, I am also an optimist, and I know we can accomplish that which we strive for, but only if enough are willing to help carry the burden, I can't do it alone. If you are one of those that have thus far only experienced SCA from the sidelines, now is your chance to get involved. You have many opportunities in which to do so.

We now have several active fellowships, brewing and fiber arts, but are also just getting started on metalworking and cooking. In addition we have several projects in the works, the WWW calendar (Warrior Women of Wintermist), the 3.5 Baronies Raffle, Wintermist camp improvements; walls, banners, lanterns, and one day a trailer! And we can't forget about our own local events, pitch in, volunteer, or simply make it a point to attend. We will lose our momentum if we stop moving, so it's important that we keep up our enthusiasm and positive attitude. As far as the subject of becoming a Barony one day, well, we will revisit that in two years; let's just see what we can do now. Only you can prevent forest fires. Ok I need a witty catch phrase to end on.

THL Kali Raqs Xahar

FROM THE CHRONICLER

Happy 12th Night, Wintermist! Last month was a busy one with our Anniversary event followed by Yule. For our Birthday Tourney, we were honored to have the Royals come to our little shire to help us celebrate another year. King Sven has been our champion several times in the past and he was here to witness our new champion and protector of our flock, Sir Helgi from Nordwache, win the day. We conducted several pieces of business as many of our officers stepped down and new ones have stepped up. You will note the changes in the list at the back of this newsletter. A few recognitions were given out as well, including the Lyre Or and Gilly Flower and I am pleased to announce Lord Miklos Bako as this year's recipient of the Silver Quill for his many fine contributions of recipes to Tales. With a New Year comes a clean slate. Do you want to earn a Silver Quill?

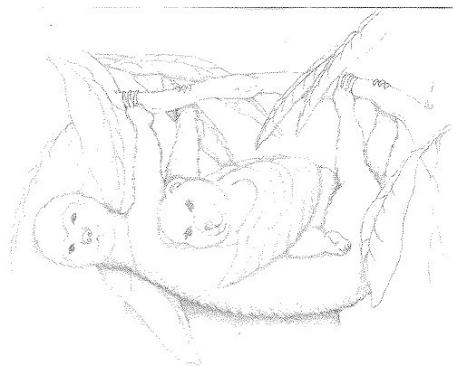
Our Yule celebration, unofficial though it may have been, was an excellent event. The Ogre House was packed to the gills with shire members. The table was practically groaning under the amount of food brought to the feast and both the raffle and white elephant exchange were great fun, the raffle bringing us a few steps closer to gaining that shire trailer. Everyone had a great time and I look forward to having Yule again next year and many years to come. Here's to a good year!

For the Dream,
Lady A'isha al-Raqqasa



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR—BY A'ISHA AL-RAQQASA

From their Majesties,
unto the Populace



*Unto the populace of Wintermist
Thank you all so much for
the lovely gifts. The cider looks
and is delicious and the home-
made items show the skills of
your people.*

*Davv
+ Connacht*

Lord Da'ud ibn Ma'bad has been our acting Arts and Science officer for most of last year and as of our anniversary has stepped into the official role. I've interviewed Da'ud for this month's edition and here is what I've discovered:

Da'ud ibn Ma'bad—meaning David of the Holy Places—represents a 10th century Syrian/Levant courtier. A courtier in this culture is a scribe, administrator, and noble court attendant of the priestly class. They were not necessarily born into the rank, but could work their way up from slavery. They are very similar to the 14th century Italian courtiers. In fact, Da'ud tells me that the tales of the Courtly Knight come from the Levant culture.

Da'ud chose this persona because he liked that a lot was happening in this particular region in the 10th century. This time period was the height of the Viking age, the Russian Vikings were active, the Byzantine empire was strong, there was much contention over the city of Damascus, the Normans also traveled to the area, following the Vikings and there still remained remnants of the Carolingian age. At this civilization was a melting pot of religious beliefs and cultural mores. 10th century Levant truly seems to be the cradle of civilization.

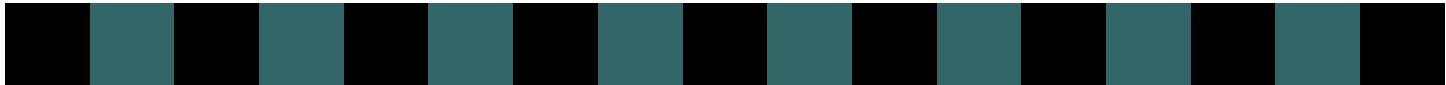
Da'ud found the SCA in 1994 when his friends invited him to attend a January crown tourney in Merides. His first camping event was that same year in Pennsic. He came to Wintermist in 2001 but did not join the shire for several years, although he remained an active member of the SCA attending various wars. He considers wars among his favorite type of event because there is so much going on. His favorites include Great Western War, but he has many fond memories of attending Gulf wars. He enjoys Target archery, thrown weapons—so much so that he is an authorized thrown weapon marshal, metal working, middle eastern and renaissance music and basically trying new arts and sciences. His goals for the future include attending another Gulf War and performing a madrigal before the Royal Court.

ARTS AND SCIENCE CHALLENGE: STAG QUARTER

February's categories are:

Jewelry; Compositional (prose, poetry, songs, play, or essay); and Needlework

Food categories: Prepared Meats and Herb Dishes



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Current Champion of Wintermist and Protector of the Flock



Sir Helgi Hrafnaedhir

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