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TALES FROM THE MIST

July 2013 (A.S. 48)

Shire of Wintermist, Kingdom of Caid

From the Seneschal

Greetings Wintermistians,

Within a short time, sooner than you think, fall will be upon us, and several of our local officers warrants will be expiring. Deputies will be stepping up to fill the duties of their predecessors, and will be then looking for deputies of their own to train. Have you ever considered taking up the responsibilities of such a position? Being a deputy is a great way to do your part and help the Shire thrive. Not to mention you end up experiencing a completely different side of the society; that which makes this complex machine run with efficiency. We Need officers, especially those with energy and idea's to fulfill such positions, in order for our Shire to stay active and happy, starting off as a deputy is a great way to do your part. As a deputy you are not required to fill out reports, however you would need to assistant your officer, and make an effort to learn anything you might need in order to take over one day, such as reading the handbook and attending officer meetings. So start thinking about it!

~Kalé al-Raqqasa

Meet Ardgal mac Domnaill

- by Lady Jani Shirazi, Deputy Chronicler

My name is Tiarna (Lord) Ardgal mac Domnaill, which means "High Valor" "Son of the Mighty One" (the last name being a tribute to my father, Richard Forzetting, a World War II veteran). My persona is a 10th century Brehon, which is an Irish Lawgiver who could practice either as an advocate (lawyer) or a judge. A brehon could either be in what we call 'private practice', or in service to a king or other noble. I chose my persona because it's a non fighting persona (my age and shape dictated that) and the only people of any account in Ireland at that time who were not fighters or nobles were either Bards, Druids or Brehons.

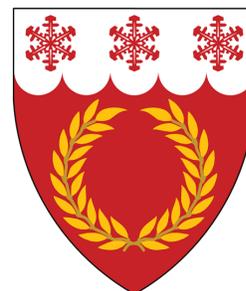
I discovered the SCA through my longstanding love of science fiction and fantasy. The SCA is even mentioned in Arthur C. Clarke's 3001: A Final Odyssey. I've been a part of the Shire of Wintermist since April 2011. My wife, Lady Jani Shirazi, and I joined together.

My favorite types of activities are heraldry, woodworking and calligraphy. I'm a warranted Herald and I enjoy that very much. A Herald is the closest thing the SCA has to a brehon. I plan to resume my calligraphy as I was very good at in college, and I've taken up woodworking, with much guidance from Wayne of Wintermist, to build period items I need for my encampment. I'm currently working on a "table in a box." I have recently purchased a Shofar from Israel to assist me in making heraldic announcements. My current practice is currently scaring away all the cats in the neighborhood...

The SCA appeals to me because it keeps alive the principals of honor, chivalry and justice which are disappearing from the Outer Realms. I also enjoy the friendship and camaraderie of people, like myself, who let their "geek" flag fly (with appropriately period arms, of course). I support our Shire's transition to a Barony (more pageantry!). I hope in the future to become a full Herald but have to make it to Pursuivant first.

CAID CALENDAR

- July 7: Caid Archery Open and Thrown Weapons Tourney
 - July 13: Lyndemere Anniversary
 - July 20: CP Prize, Isles
 - July 27: Dreiburgen Summer Arts
 - Aug 2-5: St. Corrigan's Day Tourney, Dreiburgen
- (See SCA-Caid.org for full calendar)



WINTERMIST CALENDAR

- June 2: Officer's Meeting
 - July 7: Middle-eastern Dance & Drum FM
 - July 9: Flourish meeting 7pm, Dennys on Buck Owens
 - July 10: Shire Business Meeting Tony's Pizza on Mt. Vernon Ave 7:00 pm
 - July 11: Stitch n Bitch (Clothiers & String) FM
 - July 12: Brewer's FM
 - July 13: Leatherworkers FM
 - July 20: Metalworkers FM
 - July 21: Middle-eastern Dance & Drum FM
 - July 25: Bardic FM
 - July 25: Ceramics FM
 - July 26: Newsletter Articles Due
 - July 27: Woodworkers FM
 - July 30: Illumination FM
 - Sundays at 10 am Fighter Practice (Rapier and Heavies) at Patriot's Park
 - Sundays from 4-6: Thrown Weapon / Archery Practice
 - Thursdays at 5pm: Sewing Circle
- (FM=Fellowship Meeting)

Heralds point: What do They Call a Lord or Lady in...?

At Anniversary and Coronation, six Wintermistians became Lords and Ladies of the Society. Their persona names include cultures like Old Norse, Hungarian, Timurid (Mongolian) Persian, and Roman.

Many people in the Society would like to be completely consistent with their persona, and so have wondered what the equivalent word for a title like Lord or Baroness might be in their persona's culture and language. Recent examples are Their Royal Majesties Mansur and Eilidh, who used the titles Al-Malik and Al-Malika for King and Queen.

Fortunately, the Heralds in the College of Arms have looked at this issue over the years and have created a resource for those SCAdians who have received an award that grants a title of nobility.

At <http://heraldry.sca.org/titles.html>, there is a list of alternate titles of nobility in several language and culture groups. This is the approved list, but that does not mean that after more research, it won't be added to.

For the most recent recipients of arms in Wintermist, I have pulled out the appropriate alternates or explained why there is none:

- Lord Ardgal mac Domnaill – Middle Irish Gaelic - Tiarna
- Lady Bako Miklosne Pirooska – Hungarian - Asszony
- Lady Caspar of Wintermist – unfortunately, this name is not registered, and so no language or culture was specified. The two people with this name registered seem to have German personas. The German alternate is Herrin.
- Lady Estrith Rasmusdatter – Old Norse – the Norse, according to Geirr Bassi, a very respected name expert for that culture, were an egalitarian people who did not like others 'lording it over them' with titles. Even today, the President of Iceland is likely to be addressed by his unadorned name, so there is no Norse alternative on the web site for many titles, including Lord/Lady. However, if she becomes a Countess, the alternate is Greifynja.
- Lady Jani Shirazi – Timurid Dynasty (15th Century – ruled by the Mongols) Persia – I have asked senior heralds but there are no reliable sources for this time and area. Since many people with Persian personas have chosen to fall back on Arabic, the Arabic title would be Sayyida.
- Lady Verina Caelestia – Roman/Latin - Domina

For those people with Grants of Arms, who can be styled 'The Honorable Lord/Lady', you may need to check with language experts to get the translation for 'The Honorable' for your persona as that option is not on the heraldry site lists.

-- Tiarna Ardgal mac Domnaill, deputy herald

Wanted!

Large Mug for Bardic Welcome: We are looking for a **large** mug to place at the gate to our encampment at sites to show that we are friendly to bardic entertainers within our encampment. This is an idea from the east that is catching on that I wish to use in the future to invite bards and musicians into our camp. The idea is that if you are looking for entertainment you place at your gate a large mug be-decked with ribbons, say red and white, to invite players in to perform. ~Master Manus leDragonier

Wintermist GWW Potluck Autocrat: We are looking for an individual to take the position of Potluck Autocrat for this year's GWW. As with long standing the Potluck will be on Friday night of the war. Job includes arranging for a variety of foods to be available for the feast each dish to feed six to eight. You will handle signups and setup for this event. Prior experience is a plus but willing to help and train. Contact the campmaster: Master Manus leDragonier

Wintermist Land Allocation Ends This Month!

Land allocation for Great Western War will cease at the end of July. Land requests postmarked after July 31st will not be honored. If you wish to camp with the Shire of Wintermist at this event you need to apply before the end of the month. Land allocation by the site committee will be based on our pre-registration numbers. Currently there are less than thirty people pre-registered for the war. (OK enough with the alarm raising the numbers are pretty good when you allow for the Horsemen having a separate camp and certain nefarious merchant households camping away).

But if you haven't registered yet and you plan to attend GWW I strongly urge you to do so by the end of July. Each adult will receive 250 sq ft of land and children 6-12 another 125 sq ft. Planning out the camp will begin after allocation closes as we start to see the size of pavilions and needed space. We plan to enclose the camp with wall panels for a better look and more privacy. If you have not planned for this talk to the SWEBC committee for help and ideas. ~Manus le Dragonier, Campmaster

A&S Fellowships of Wintermist

Bardic - Lord Brendan Morgansbane: Do you like to sing? Or maybe learn to play a period instrument? This fellowship focuses on period music and instruments in the European regions.

Brewing - Lord Gwyon Pengrych: If your over 21 years of age, this is the fellowship for you! There are several brewed drinks that are non-alcoholic, such as ginger beer and sarsaparilla , but they also like to explore meads and cordials.

Ceramics - Lady Verina Caelistis: This is a new fellowship that is waiting on a kiln and pottery wheel to really take off. They hope to make all sorts of items, like bowls and mugs with baked clay.

Clothiers - Lady Estrith Rasmusdotter: Need to expand you SCA wardrobe and don't know how to do it or where to begin? This fellowship can help to explore different style of period clothing from different cultures.

Culinary - Lady Collette leFournier: Everyone likes food! Sometimes the medieval pallet can shock our modern tastes, but sometimes a dish comes out amazingly well. This fellowship explores medieval cooking and recipes.

Leather - Lord Milos Bako: If you have a hide, you can make something from it, shoes, pouches, knife sheaths, arrow quivers! Learn how to do proper stitches and create wonderful products from leather.

Woodworking - Wayne of Wintermist: Their motto is "to make your encampment more swoopy". In this fellowship you can learn how to build period chairs and tables, or period looking collapsible items for ease of camping.

Middle Eastern Dance & Drum - Lady A'isha al-Raqqasa: Focus is on the fine art of Middle Eastern rhythms and movements, such as bellydance for wars or processions. Occasionally we will have haflas (dance parties) and potlucks featuring Middle Eastern food, as well as learning court dances of Medieval Persia or Turkey.

Jewelry - Lady Elena ferch Gwalchmai: Also known as the Fellowship of the BLING! If you have cords and beads, they will string it. Wire? Make some Viking neckaces or bracelets. How 'bout little metal rings? Chain maille jewelry! Elena says "Bring your own Precious!"

Metalworking - THLord Galen deLeon: Focus is on making things with metal, from casting items in pewter or copper to welding items together, this is the fellowship to join. Meanwhile, here's a message from your chancellor:

Greetings from the Metal workers.

We've been asked to work on 2 lantern stands for the shire campsite entry way. I have a drawing and an idea. Would you like to help with this project? It will involve bending and welding. Who knows, we may have to include some other elements... any suggestions?

Hope to hear from you.

Galen

String/Fiber Arts - THLady Tabitha Leah of Samarra: The medieval age had TONS of fiber arts including weaving, fingerloop braiding, Luccet and Viking whipcords, embroidery, nalbinding, and knitting (and there's a lot more than this!). There are teacher available so if you want to play with fiber, this is the fellowship for you!

Illumination - THLady Katherine of Hornechurch: Monks used to toil for hours in dank dark rooms, with egg tempura paints and gold leaf on vellum to make beautiful books and scrolls which survive to this day. Today we have good lighting, comfortable chairs and easy made paints (though if you want to learn how to mix your own the period way, be our guest!). Here's what's coming up:

The next Illumination meeting is Tuesday, July 23 at 6:30. We will be concentrating on calligraphy. If you do not have a calligraphy pen, you can get one at Michaels. To start off I would suggest a medium nib and a modern, ink cartridge pen. Once you get the hang of it, you can then decide in what direction you wish to go.

From the Autocrat of Games Day

Thanks to everyone who came out and made our Games Day, Fighter Practicum and Academia a success. I offer special thanks to our guests who braved the Wintermist heat to come and visit us, along with all the officers, instructors, judges, cooks and merchants that enriched to day. Of special note, was my Co-Steward Lady Collette Olivier de Fournier for letting me bounce ideas off of her, and for taking charge of all the kitchen and cleanup activities. The site at RLC provided us with all the necessities we needed, including air conditioning. This was the first event I have acted as steward at in a long time, and I appreciate everyone's efforts to make the day easy, fun and informative.

Congratulations to the competition winners from Games Day.

- Taylor of Wintermist was the overall Games winner, taking home a beautiful freestanding game table decorated with 4 period games that were hand painted by THL Kalé.
- Lady Joan Silvertop (from Nordwache) won the onsite Illuminated letter competition, while Tia Deemer of Wintermist won for her completed Letter
- The Crock pot competition was won by Lady Estrith Rasmusdatter for her Pork with Apples dish.

Thanks to everyone who participated, judged and encouraged the arts.

~Master Donn, son of Fergus

July Heraldry Report

We had a nice Gamesday Event at the end of June in spite of the heat. Thanks to Master Donn for making the List Tree Blanks. Your heralds drew out over eight devices for their owners to color in and use in coming events. At the consultation table in the main hall we helped develop three new or alternate names and two devices as well as possible badges and other designs.

The Crescent Herald, Cormac Mor has changed the wording on the Award of Arms presentation to be more complete as well as period. Here is the ceremony with the new words in bold print:

(Name) whereas it has come to Our notice that through divers great effort you have continued to enrich Our realm it is thus Our pleasure to **raise you to the rank, estate and title of a Lord/Lady of Our realm and to** award you arms.

We hope you find this part of the ceremony to be an improvement on the previous. This is for the presentation of the award not the scroll. The scroll would have the blazon of the awarded arms within it.

One reason that I brought this up is that there may some misunderstanding about how a scroll is assigned and awarded. After you have been given an award by Their Majesties with the token for the award if there is one you are handed a promissory note for that award. **But that does not mean that you will get a scroll for that award!** In order to be placed in the line for a particular scroll you must write to the Scribe Armarius with your information as well as the award then wait. This can be a long wait due to the backlog of people who wish scrolls compared to the number of scribes that are working. At the last coronation the scribes handed out 18 scrolls. At our anniversary Their Majesties handed out the same number of awards. But if you average ten awards given at an event over forty events a year you can begin to see the problem. One way to solve this problem is for the individual to search out a scribe and make an arrangement for that scribe to do your scroll. If you do this **be certain to tell the Scribe Armarius** because while a duplicate scroll might be funny to you the time and effort wasted in duplication is not!

Each scroll is an individual work of art that involves many hours of effort by the artist. It is regrettable that our kingdom does not have the number of scribes and illuminators to be current with the demand. But we do have an active and good illumination fellowship that can produce a scroll for you if you talk to them about it. It could speed up the achieving of a scroll by several years.

So remember if you want a scroll you have to ask for it. And if you are not of a calm demeanor you might want to find an artist to do it for you! And when you do receive your scroll tell the artist thank you for their time and effort.

~Master Manus leDragonier, Herald Pursuivant

Pork & Apple Roast

This is a recipe that Lady Estrith Rasmusdotter cooked for the Games Day Crockpot challenge. She used the recipe found on all-recipes.com called: Slow Cooker Cider Pork Roast and made some modifications:

Ingredients:

- Pork Roast, 3 lbs
- Onion, 1 large
- Apples, 2 large
- Celery, 2 stalks
- Carrots, 4 large
- Garlic, 4 cloves
- Apple Cider, 1 cup
- water, 1.5 cups
- vegetable oil, 2 Tbls
- flour
- Salt & Pepper to taste



"Gathering Apples" from Godecooking.com: Feast for the Eyes

Preparation:

Trim excess fat from roast. Add salt and pepper to flour and coat roast. Heat oil in pan and brown roast on all sides.

Rough chop onion and apples. Add half of each to food processor with garlic cloves and a little bit of water. Process until smooth. Place into bottom of crock pot, add the rest of the juice and water and stir until mixed. Place roast into crock pot. Add the rest of the chopped onions and apple. Chop celery and add. Salt to taste. Cook on high for 4 hours. Add carrots and cook for 4 more hours on low if you want the carrots more crisp, on high if you want the carrots more done. Salt and pepper to taste. The pork should fall apart with a spoon. Serve with the veggies and as much liquid as you wish.

*Note - it's easy to under salt pork, so don't be afraid to add more. I recommend tasting at intervals and adding more as needed.

From the Webwright

Have you ever wanted to find out more about someone in the SCA? Maybe you heard about a member who's particularly skilled at something you're interested in, or their name came up in a conversation at an event and you want to match a face to the name? Maybe it's a knight whom you saw in battle, or a teacher who taught a class at Collegium? Well, this is where the Compendium Caidis comes in handy. It's a Wiki system, much like the Wikipedia you already know and love, but specifically for the Kingdom of Caid.

You can build a page for your SCA persona, and write it in the third person. You can update and edit the persona pages of others who have volunteered or performed admirably, citing their feats. You can even post a "no s---, there I was" story about them. C'mon, that's cool right?

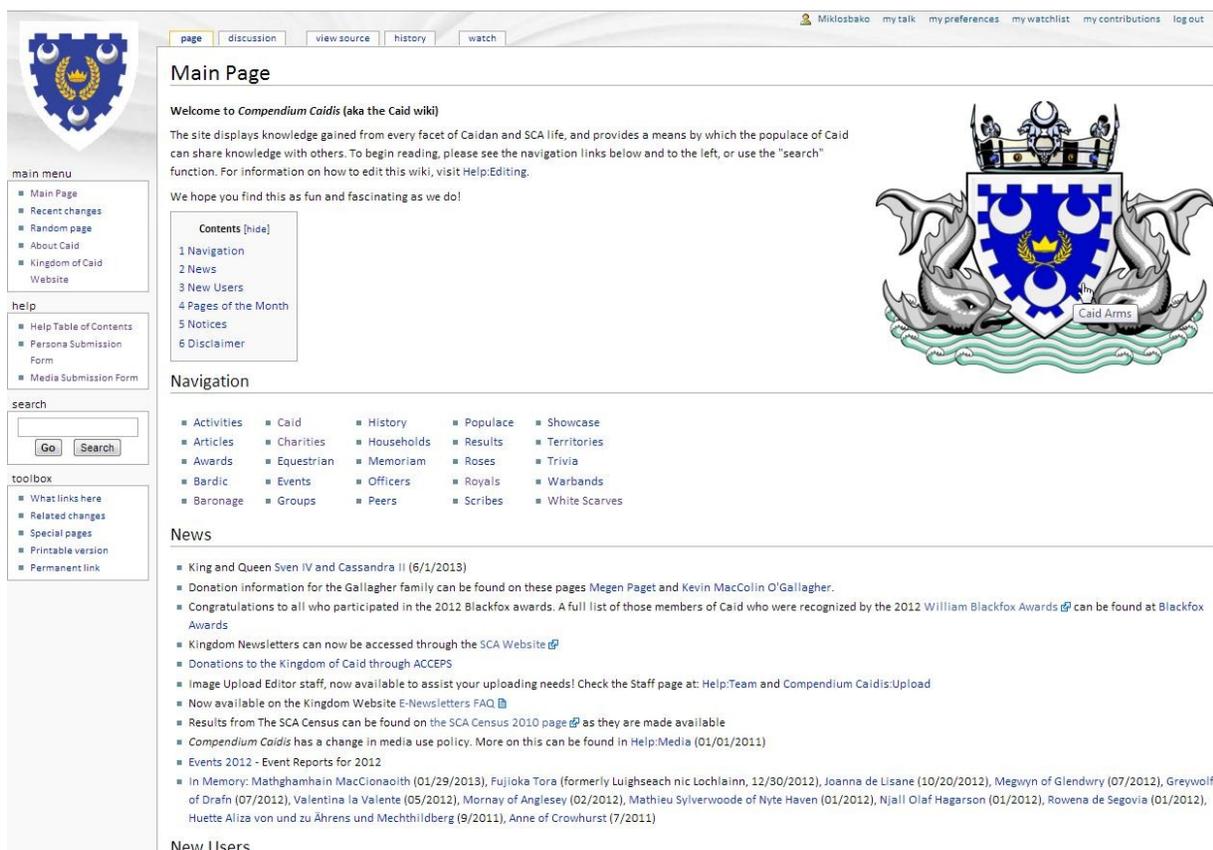
You know what's not cool though? Most of us don't use it. This is because editing Wiki pages is complicated, even for experienced geeks. So, in an effort to make things a LOT simpler, the Kingdom developed the Caid Wiki Profile Assistant. (CWPA - <http://wiki.caid-commons.org/profileassistant.php>)

It's a simple form online, where you submit your SCA name, a basic background about your persona, a photo of you and your device (if registered) what territory you belong to, and a whole host of other information people might find interesting.

After "filling in the blanks" the Kingdom will process your information and someone will place your content on your populace page. Then you'll be able to search for your name in the Caid Wiki, and find your page directly. Over time, Google will index your page and anyone looking up your persona will find your information and how to reach you (if you choose).

Don't fear the Wiki! Embrace the Wiki!

~Lord Miklos Bako



The screenshot shows the main page of the Compendium Caidis wiki. At the top, there is a user profile for Miklosbako with links for 'my talk', 'my preferences', 'my watchlist', 'my contributions', and 'log out'. Below this is a navigation bar with 'page', 'discussion', 'view source', 'history', and 'watch' tabs. The main heading is 'Main Page'. A welcome message states: 'Welcome to Compendium Caidis (aka the Caid wiki). The site displays knowledge gained from every facet of Caidan and SCA life, and provides a means by which the populace of Caid can share knowledge with others. To begin reading, please see the navigation links below and to the left, or use the "search" function. For information on how to edit this wiki, visit Help:Editing. We hope you find this as fun and fascinating as we do!'. To the right is the Caid Arms crest. Below the welcome message is a 'Contents' table with 6 items: 1 Navigation, 2 News, 3 New Users, 4 Pages of the Month, 5 Notices, and 6 Disclaimer. A 'Navigation' grid follows, listing categories like Activities, Caid, History, Populace, Showcase, Articles, Charities, Households, Results, Territories, Awards, Equestrian, Memoriam, Roses, Trivia, Bardic, Events, Officers, Royals, Warbands, Baronage, Groups, Peers, Scribes, and White Scarves. A 'News' section lists recent updates, including the King and Queen Sven IV and Cassandra II (6/1/2013), donation information for the Gallagher family, and various other community news items. At the bottom, there is a 'New Users' section.

Screenshot by Miklos



Current Champion of Wintermist and Protector of the Flock



Lord Raynor Boleheued

Photo by A'isha

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