

CALENDAR

Fellowship Meetings (FM)

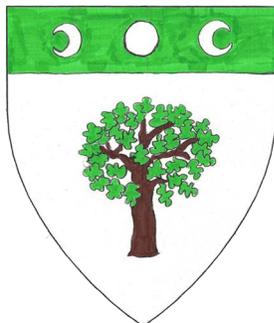
Fighter Practice (Heavies)
Jastro Park Thursdays @7 pm

Archery & Thrown Weapons
Sundays@2pm Master Donn's

Future Events

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



TALES FROM THE MIST

From the Seneschal

Greetings one and all,

Well, we have now had our Crown Tourney down in the Barony of Dreiburgen and have seen our new Crown Prince and Princess selected by right of arms. Congratulations to Their Royal Highnesses, Lord Agrippa and Mistress Bridget. May they have a successful and pleasant reign.

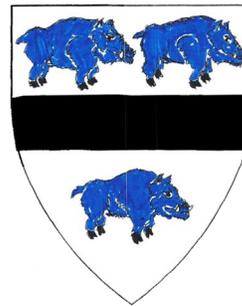
I would also like to extend congratulations to THL Titus for receiving his Gauntlet at Crown Tourney. it is an accolade well deserved. Also, to all of Wintermist's fighters that participated in the Crucible and competed for the Crown, well done! I was able to watch a lot of the fights while fulfilling my duties as Squire and I was impressed with the skill and

honor shown upon the tournament field that day. you should all be proud of your most valiant efforts.

I would also like to point out that Wintermist made an awesome showing at Crown Tourney. The pavilion looked amazing with banners and devices displayed and many people commented on how well the pavilion looked. Looking forward, there are a number of tournaments coming up in the next few months; take a look at the Kingdom Calendar and see if there are some to which you would like to go. Perhaps if there is enough interest we can arrange another carpool for everyone to be able to go.

Yours in service,

Lord Edward Blosseville de Monreale



Knewbie Knockabout-April 5

It's almost that time folks. I hope you all are getting ready for a great day of fun. I do need a few more volunteers to help this event come together. I need someone to be the Marshall-in-Charge for the day. I also need people to volunteer to bake.

What we have planned: The usual Knewbies and Greybeards will be fighting for our pleasure and I am sure there will be a great show. We will be having an On The Spot illumination competition. There will also be promissories and thank-you's to color in for those who don't want to design their own. We also will have something new. It's A String Thing! This will be a competition where you have a chance to design and create your own something... It must involve string in some way. There will be yarn, embroidery floss and basic sewing supplies provided. The item does not need to be completed at the time of judging but an extra point will be given if it is. An extra point will also be given if the item is something that can be given as largesse. (you must explain what it is)

In lieu of a lunch basket raffle we will be having a bake sale this year, and I hope to get all our wonderful bakers to contribute something yummy. The format will be either a typical bake sale or a silent auction, or a combination depending on what type of contributions we get.

So, bakers, sewers and illuminators start thinking. Fighters, we know you are always thinking about fighting. And I look forward to seeing you all on April 5th!

YIS – Lady Estrith Rasmussdattar

Recollections of Crown Tourney

By The Honorable Lord Alexander AEthelwulf

Crown....the panicle match of combined displays of honor and skill upon the field of SCA combat.

This particular crown was to be fought in a different format than those in years past. A format designed to test not only the skill of the combatants but the overall endurance of every fighter. A format that would insure the next King of Caid would be one forged from the strongest hearts of men.

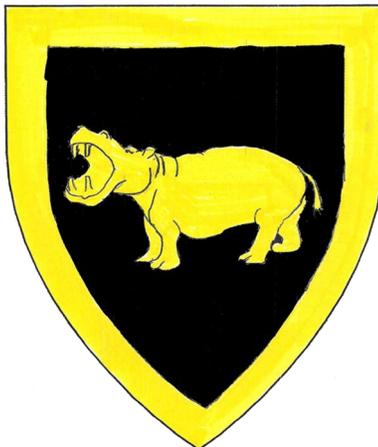
This crown was by invitation only. To receive an invitation, combatants were tested in what was to be called the "Crucible". The Crucible was a call to all fighters within the kingdom and those from abroad to test the mettle of those wishing to call themselves King of Caid. This call was heard as almost 70 fighters entered the list. Each field received between 8 to 10 fighters and to be worthy of your invitation you had to be one of the top two fighters on your field. The Crucible list of fighters read like a who's who of SCA fighters. Top tier unbelted fighters, Squires, Knights and Dukes roamed the fighting list ready to devour anyone not up to the challenge.

I was one of those fighters. My Crucible list, among others, contained 2 knights and a Duke. That day, favor favored the bold aggressive style of a Horseman as I left my Crucible undefeated. I received my invitation to fight in the Crown Tourney.

As the Crown tourney began I, as an unbelted fighter, was given the pleasure and opportunity to challenge a Knight for my first round. Low on the OOP list I was the second to choose. As it is tradition in my Household I picked whom I thought was the most skilled fighter on the field. The fighter I felt was having the best day and the best chance to win it all. I picked Sir Athanic Tervingi, or as I lovingly refer to him as The Beast of Starkahfn. A difficult fight for sure. The fight was to be the best of 3. Sir Athanic and I lined up, acknowledge the importance of those we were fighting for, declared ourselves and then engaged. Within seconds I realized the Sir Athanic was an excellent choice. I knew I could make no mistakes or I would quickly find myself the loser. As he approached our blades unleashed as we lashed at each other trying to find the weakness in our opponent. Our swords hit shield with crashing thunder as two skilled fighters held nothing back in an effort to leave the field victorious. Like a juggernaut he came forward and like the cold, stalwart killer he is, Sir Athanic found the hole in my defense and soundly laid a clean blow upon me. I was now one fight down.

We have a saying in my household, "If you have lost your first fight in a tourney, leave everything you have on the field for the second one. You have nothing left to lose and at worst, the person you are fighting will remember your name." Upon the lay on for our second pass, I immediately launched a ferocious attack, driving Sir Athanic back. As one would expect, this champion, this skilled fighter, this Knight was not about to fall without a battle. Like two chess masters our battle was far above who was throwing harder or faster. Cold calculated offense and defense was challenged time and time again, until finally an opening. I saw a momentary lapse in his defense and I immediately tried to capitalize upon it. Luck was not to be on my side this day. A moment before I launched my shot the cries of "HOLD" rang out. My shot landed squarely...but it was no good. A hold had been called. I had driven Sir Athanic to the ropes and for safety a hold had been called. Sir Athanic, as honorable as ever was willing to take the blow, but we both knew the hold had been called before the shot had landed. I refused to let him take the blow and we were reset to the middle. Sadly, this disruption during our fight was just enough to throw off my focus. Sir Athanic, had no such issue and ended our second fight with a crisp, clean, rib shot.

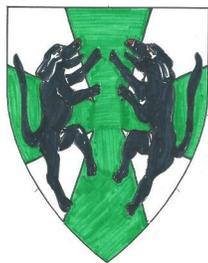
I was next pitted against Sir Artus. Another truly skilled opponent. I was lucky enough to win our first bout. Sir Artus took the second. The third was long and drawn out...we both were legged and knelt to one another as we exchanged blows. In-between straining breaths shots fell one after another until in exhaustion I was lucky enough to land a solid blow.



My next opponent was Sir Mansur ibn al-Sha'bi ibn Rafi'...the dreaded left hander. We have very few left handed fighters in Northern Caid and thus always tend to have issues fighting them when we travel south. Today would be no exception...however, to say I had trouble with sir Mansur would be about as big an understatement as saying, "Iraq had a bit of trouble when the US fighting forces invaded". The bout was changed from best of 3 to single elimination. As the lay on was called I aggressively came forward and Sir Mansur quickly dispatched me. Our fight lasted less than 10 seconds as I ate a mouth full of rattan that slid right under my sword block. I later made this statement to describe our fight, "I lost so badly to Sir Mansur that he might as well have taken my lunch money as well."

All that was left was to do was pick up fights and watch in amazement as Agrippa the Accused valiantly won the day. A magnificent day with magnificent people.

Herald's Report



The heraldic arts are picking up again as we get ready for the War & Tourney season. For those interested in heraldic display there are two good sources with information this month. At Collegium the weekend of the 22nd the Crescent Herald, Cormac Mor, will be teaching a class on heraldic flags and banners on Saturday. That Sunday at Collegium there is a four hour class on making banners with a materials cost of \$10. If you can get to Collegium I strongly suggest these classes! In addition to this there will be a workshop on banner making in Nordwache on the weekend of the 29th.

Lady Roes Meurdoch and I will be taking the Saturday session and learning another technique to make silk banners. There may still be room in the Sunday session, contact Nordwache to check.

This month we have at least three items and possibly as many as six or more submissions for the Caidan College of Heraldry. The first is a name resubmission: **Simon Faelan**, there is also a new name and device: **Issaney of Crouhurst- Argent, on a pall vert between three crows sable two shepherds crooks addorsed and an arrow argent**. There is also a badge resubmission for Estrith Rasmusdatter- **Gules, a staircase bendwise sinsiter Or**.

The Flourish meeting for the month of March will be on Tuesday, March 18th at the Denny's on Merle Haggard Blvd. (This is out by the airport) at 7pm. If you have any questions of an heraldic bent or just want to share a cup of coffee and chat please join us.

The following are the dates of the College of Heraldry meetings for the rest of the year. The date in bold in the proposed meeting for the Flourish.

April: **8/13**, May: **6/11**, June: **17/22**, July: **15/20**, Aug. **5/10**, Sept. **9/14**, Oct. **12*/19**, Nov. **11/16** & Dec. **2/7****

*This meeting is on the Sunday at GWW

** This is the heralds' Christmas Party

Arts & Sciences



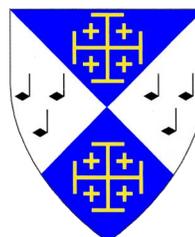
The March Arts and Sciences competition will be period models and woodworking. April will be Cheeses and functional art. Please bring anything you are currently working on, and maybe tell us something about it. A little show and tell?

Yours in Service
THL Galen deLeon

Chronicler's Corner

Many thanks to those who contributed to this month's TALES. **Master Manus le Dragonier, The Honorable Lord Galen deLeon, Lady Estrith Rasmussdattar, Lord Edward Blossville de Monreale and The Honorable Lord Alexander Aethelwulf.**

~Lady Jani Shirazi



A & S THEMES

March

Period Models, woodworking

April

Cheeses/Functional Art

DID YOU KNOW?

They cooked in the kitchen in a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They mostly ate vegetables and didn't get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been in there for a month. Hence: "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old".



Winter Weekend 2013

What is there to say about Winter Weekend... This is a long running event, over 20 years so far but it was my first time attending. I really loved it. It is 4 days long at a camp in the mountains north of Redlands. We had cabins and a main hall and all meals are included in the price. Meals vary, as they are all done by volunteers but great effort was made to have vegetarian, gluten and dairy free options for people with those dietary restrictions.

Most people hang out in the main hall during the day or in a smaller hall a little ways away for those doing crafts that could be a bit noisier, or need more space. They had pewter casting there as well as intaglio carving and the scriptorium. In the main hall we held mini classes on various topics. It is a very casual setting where those who have something they can teach throw it out for anyone who wants to learn. I took a class on roman wire wrapping for jewelry. I also took one on Viking seam treatments. There were several people who set up their sewing machines while others worked on hand projects or spend time visiting and getting to know people. I was greatly inspired by the projects I saw people working on. Especially one lady who was sewing fake braids onto a headband, a project I copied for this last crown tourney.

There were bardic meetings for those so inclined and there were fighting workshops and a stag hunt. Their royal Majesties were able to attend and it was lovely having a chance to sit and talk with them both. His Majesty thoroughly kicked my butt at Timeline, a very fun trivia game created at WW several years ago. Their Majesties also joined me in assisting Lady Tahira with fixing dinner Sunday night.

Evenings are spent relaxing in the great hall or at the fire outside. There is an informal whiskey drinking and cigar smoking group that meets at the fire pit. There are games to be played, puzzles to do, wine to drink (or anything you happen to bring) and tremendous fun to be had.

There was no snow this year, something that apparently happens every 4-5 years, so taking walks outside was especially lovely. Snow is the norm though, so do bring snowshoes and keep in mind that the camp is very high up and plan your physical activity accordingly. I came back having gotten an excellent leg workout, but I did have some trouble breathing at altitude.

All in all I highly recommend this event for everyone that can schedule it in. At \$140 it was not cheap but considering that included accommodation and food I found it a bargain for the amount of fun I had. If you want to work on A&S then Winter Weekend is where you should plan to be.

YIS – Lady Estrith Rasmussdattar

A Bit of History

Bodiam Castle is one of England's best known and loved castles, encircled by its iconic moat and surrounded by the lush greenery so characteristic of this land. It is situated in East Sussex, built by Sir Edward Dalyngrigge, who had once been a knight of Edward III. It was originally built in 1385, mainly with the intention of defending this area against the potentially invading armies of France during what would become known as The Hundred Years War. It was also meant to be an inviting home.

Bodiam Castle was built in a unique truly quadrangular castles and has courts. There are towers at each of corners, which acted as lookouts for Sir Edward Dalyngrigge was the meant that he was last in line to However, he married into a family the manor of Bodiam. During his 1388, he was well-respected and He earned enough money to build member of the Free Companies. In 1383, it was ruled that there could at the stately Bodiam Manor. Just



England was sent into a state of panic when a fleet of approximately 1200 ships gathered at Sluys. That was when Edward Dalyngrigge was finally granted permission to fortify his home in a more formal way. Instead, he chose to build an entirely new structure, Bodiam Castle. Because it was all built at the same time, it followed a similar theme and architectural design. At the same time that the castle was built, the beautiful gardens were landscaped and there were once extensive waterways around it. Today, the moat survives, and these surrounds work effectively to emphasize the beauty and grandeur of the castle, rather than detract from it. Although the moat is an aesthetically pleasing feature, it was really just a sewer for the castle's almost 30 toilets. After Edward's death in 1395, his son inherited the castle.

and interesting way. It is one of the few chambers on the outer walls and inner its entrance points and all four of its potential attacks.

youngest son in his family, which receive any sort of estate inheritances. that owned land and, by 1378, owned knighthood, which lasted from 1379 to acclaimed throughout all of England. Bodiam Castle when he fought as a

be a weekly market and annual fair held two years later, the entire population of

Source: http://www.england.org.za/bodiam-castle.php#Ux_mxPldWS0



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



LORD RAYNOR BOLEHEUED

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