



the northern watch

MONASTERY AT THE ROCK OF CASHEL, IRELAND

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WORDS FROM THE CHRONICLER

Greetings unto the Shire of Endewearde.

Well here it is, the second issue of the Northern Watch. Many thanks are in order to those who help get these words of great import (HA) out unto the general populace. I would like to thank Gregory and Scamus for their invaluable assistance. With out either of them this project may never have gotten off of the ground. As both of these people have other obligations within the Society I will try to pester them as little as possible. As I write these words I have been going through the information forms that many of you filled out at the St. Valentines Revel and am looking for those persons that were foolish enough to put down that they were interested in working on the newsletter. Be forewarned that I do intend to contact you.

After attending the St. Valentines Revel I was pleased to see that we have such a large and active group. This was my second event up here in the North and I had a great time at it (though my field heraldry could use some work). However, while going over the information forms I did notice that a rather large number of those at the event, while active in the SCA were not members of the SCA. In fact, out of the forty forms that were filled out only 18 reflected membership in the Society. I believe that the problem lies in the fact that the Society on the whole does not actively push for members to pay their dues. However, it is important that people do pay their dues for a number of reasons. When a person pays their dues they are counted as a subject of the kingdom in which they reside as well as a subject of the local area in which they reside. These numbers are important for several reasons. To begin with it enables the board members which oversee the SCA as a whole to see where the Society is growing and not growing. It also gives the smaller groups a chance to move up in stature within their respective kingdoms. For example, it takes twenty five members to become a barony. If there are thirty active people in that particular local and only fifteen are paid members the kingdom will not allow that group to become a barony.

In addition to the benefits that the group receives as a whole there are the added benefits of membership to the individual. As a sustaining member you receive the kingdom newsletter and the T.I., both excellent publications, and this membership costs only \$20.00 a year. Even if the \$20.00 a year is to rich for your blood there is always the Associate membership which costs only \$6.00 a year (one does not receive any publications with this type of membership). So to bring this little lecture to an end I encourage all of you to fill out a membership form and join the Society as an official member.

In addition to the rather long-winded request for membership I have another request. It is my goal to have this publication mailed to your home each time it is published. In order to do this I will need current addresses from everybody. I have talked with the Senechal about this and we will be working together in order to insure that everyone is on the mailing list. If you are part of the University group and are not staying up here for the summer we can easily send the newsletter to your home address. It is also my intention to put together a directory for the local area. Included in this directory will be your mundane name and address as well as your SCA name and all households and organizations with which you are a member. It will also include a phone number to reach you and the hours you wish to be contacted during. Enclosed in this issue you will find a copy of yet another form (almost byzantine in my approach) to fill out. The top half of the form is a standard release form that is needed in order for the Northern Watch to print any articles that you may want to submit, please understand that we will not print anything unless we have a copy of the release on file. This is for the obvious legal reasons. The lower half of the form is the information that is required for the directory. As was stated earlier we are getting to be a rather large group and I feel that the directory would make contact between persons easier. If you do not want something included in the directory simply leave the line blank. If you do not want any information in the directory do not fill out any of the form. I will only publish the information provided. I plan on doing this at cost so hopefully it will only run a couple of dollars for a copy.

If you have read this far I thank you for your patience and will now close until the next issue (and to create space for others).

In Your Service

Colin McBriarity

PRIMERUS SCADIUS:
A Primer for the Newbies

As there are many new people joining our local group we have decided to do a series of articles on things which are proper for the SCA. The first of these lessons will be in the usage of the term Lord and Lady. It used to be that in the real world the terms Lord and Lady were used for the landed gentry. In the society there is no landed gentry per se, however, there are many members of the SCA which have performed services that have benefited the SCA as a whole. In the Society we use an award system. The first of these

many awards is an Award of Arms. The AOA, as it is called officially, confers upon the recipient their coat of arms. Along with this award, the title of Lord or Lady is used when referring to these people.

However, it is considered a common courtesy to refer to all persons as Lord or Lady when their actual status in the SCA is not known. The term also applies to all persons who have not yet received their AOA. This is simply a courtesy to show that there is an implied respect for all members of the SCA. The point is, the SCA is a game. To what degree we play the game is irrelevant, the fact that we are playing it is what is important. For whatever reason we play the game it is important to remember that at some point in time we put up the garb and enter the mundane world. The least we can do is be polite and courteous to one another when we play the game.

COKS CORNER

As those of you who know me can see, I love good food. Not only do I love eating good food, I also love preparing good food. I love food that excites and tantalizes the palate.

In this section of the newsletter I hope to share some of my favourite recipes with you. I also hope that you will share some of yours with me so that we can let everyone know about them. In this first recipe I have gone to Ireland to bring a sweet that I am sure you will all enjoy.

Oaten Honeycomb

In order to prepare this dish you will need the following items.

2 cups flake oatmeal	3 eggs separated
1/2 cup ground almonds	*2 tbs spoons honey
2 cups milk	2 heaped tbl spoons
3 heaped tbl spoons sugar	of raisins or the grated
pinch of ground cinnamon	lemon peel
3 tbl spoons melted butter	

*It is advisable to add more honey than is called for. This is simply a matter of taste. I like the taste of honey so I prefer to use a lot.

Now that you have all of the ingredients ready, bring the milk to a boil, sprinkle the oat meal in, cook slowly for fifteen minutes, stirring all the time. Leave to cool for several minutes. Next beat in the following ingredients one at a time: ground almonds, honey, sugar, raisins or lemon peel, cinnamon, melted butter, and finally beaten egg yolks.

Mix it all well and finally add the stiffly beaten egg Whites. Put into a buttered bowl or basin, cover and steam over hot water for 1 1/2 hours. Turn out and serve warm with either more honey or cream. If you choose to add the lemon peels it will give the honey a more delicate flavor. I like the cream in it as it makes it taste extremely rich.

I hope you enjoy this dish as much as I have. I look forward to bringing you more recipes in the future. Until next time, farewell and happy eating.

Source: A TASTE OF IRELAND IN FOOD AND PICTURES
Author: Theodora Fitzgibbon
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NOTES FROM LAND'S END
(Seneschals Pontification Column)

Second issue of NORTHERN WATCH, second Shire revel, practices some four nights a week, dance practice started, archery practice area available. Is good. My Thanks to those who are making this happen. In a short time a lot has happened. More can happen.

We have an event upcoming. Saturday May 4 starting at 9 am. To make this come together help will be needed with troll booth, running the lists, cooking, setup, cleanup, and other suchlike jobs. I will be asking for help.

This will be the first event announced in Pikestaff we have held in some time. Working together will allow us to have a good time and show those from away what kind of a group we have up here at the end of the land. Lets make the impressions good ones.

Colin mentions SCA membership in his editor's column. There are a lot of you who are participating in SCA activities but have not gotten around to sending in for a membership. Membership is not required to play the game. It is however much appreciated by such as myself and will be seen as an indication of commitment to what we are doing. An awards system is being put together. I know that many could care less about receiving such recognition. If however you would like to be considered for awards then send in your SCA membership.

Need it said blunter. Okay, No Membership ->-> No Awards. Deadbeats ->-> Send in your &\$\$\$!! money. Cost for Associate membership is \$6.00 and Sustaining (recommended as it gets you a subscription to Pikestaff and TI) is \$20.00.

There has again been mention of a northern principality.

Some two or so years ago a number of people in the northern part of the East Kingdom attempted to create a principality. They were not successful.

A principality would be a separate region officially recognized by the Society but still part of the East Kingdom. It would have a Crown Prince and Princess (the winner of a heavy list tourney & consort) who would travel throughout the principality bringing the presence of royalty to its different groups (and able to recognize efforts worthy of awards). For Endewearde this would make it more likely to be visited by royalty (novel thought) and hopefully bring a part of the game that is sadly lacking to our remote group. Furthermore a principality would be a first step towards a northern kingdom, something I see as a good thing.

Schedule until the first of May:

Monday: Fencing at Children's Center 7:00 to 9:30 pm.
Tuesday: Fencing at UM Memorial Gym All Purpose Room
8:00 to 10:00 pm.
SCA Night at UM Lengyl Gym 7:30 to 9:30 pm, Dance & Rattan.
Wednesday: Fencing at Children's Center 8:00 to 10:00 pm.
Friday: Fencing & Rattan at UM Memorial Gym All Purpose Room
6:00 to 8:00 pm.
Saturday & Sunday: Armour and Sewing Shops open by appointment,
Call 945-3613 for Gregory (me).

Schedule from the first of May to the first of September:

Monday: Fencing (weather permitting) at 42 Winter Street,
Bangor from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.
Tuesday: SCA Night (call 945-3613 about weather questions) at
42 Winter Street, Bangor, 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Rattan,
Archery, Dance & other SCA type stuff.
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Thanks to those who bothered to read this.

Gregory Finche, Seneschal of the Shire of Endewearde.

AWARD SYSTEM FOR THE SHIRE OF ENDEWEARDE

At a recent Shire officers meeting it was proposed that we establish a series of Shire awards. Considering the difficulty of getting the efforts of local members recognized by Kingdom it was generally agreed that this would be a good thing. We have therefore organized a set of awards that will roughly parallel the Kingdom level awards. These are not meant to supplant the much respected East Kingdom Awards. Rather it recognizes that due to the remoteness of our Shire few will hear of a locals good efforts. Not wanting a deserving gentle to go unthanked for their efforts We Officers of the Shire will use this award system to do this. Furthermore it should be recognized that when we grant a gentle some award We feel them deserving of the Kingdom Award but realize that due to East Kingdom politics this will not occur anytime soon. We will also continue to request Kingdom Awards for those deserving them.

Following is an explanation of the first Shire award to be created. In upcoming issues of NORTHERN WATCH the other levels of awards will be explained with a description of what we feel they require. Given are guidelines, nothing is to be carved in stone. Consider that in this game we play recognition and thanks are the only payment we have to offer for the considerable time and effort of those who make it work. To give this recognition reflects well on all of us.

RYDER OF THE NORTHERN MARCHES

Ryder is an old term designating a member of the gentry who furthermore acted as an aide to the local nobility. We find ourselves if not the northern most part of the East Kingdom certainly in a remote northern section of it. Marches is a term designating a border region; we certainly are on the border (of the northern wastes I think). Putting this together results in the Award for general service to the Shire of Endewearde, the Ryder of the Northern Marches.

This award is for those gentles who have worked to make the game run. Those who serve as officers, cooks, cleanup, organizers, teachers, heralds, marshals and all the other jobs that are part of making a Shire happen. It a way of saying Thanks.

For consideration a person needs to have worked in the Shire for at least 6 months and more generally a year or more, be a paying member of the SCA, and in general have worked to make things come together. It is not an Award of Arms but is recognizing efforts of a person who is well deserving of this level of award.