

The Northern Watch



A Message from the Seneschal

Greetings!

There's not much going on behind the scenes in the Shire. Lady Melisaunde and I are working on preparations for Endewearde's upcoming spring tourney at Fort Knox. That's scheduled for Saturday, April 28th. The event will boast tourneys in fencing, fighting, and youth combat. Lady Aneleda has stepped up to manage the dayboard again this year at the Gilded Ewe Tavern. There is already a schedule of A&S workshops developing! Mark it on your calendar and remember that the event is our opportunity to serve others in the Kingdom with our renown hospitality. I urge you to step up and offer your help when the call is made.

Lord Godric has already found a site for this year's Bare Blade Tavern Brawl XX. It promises to be a major event in Endewearde's history. His plans include adding to the number of "Bare Blade flats", games using themes from the past years of BBTBrawls, a feast, etc....I trust that it will be an event to remember.

Now that Spring has arrived in Endewearde and a blanket of snow covers our lands, this is a great time to get involved with a new activity or share in a familiar one. Each week, Endewearde holds at least two workshops where you can meet with others to get some small (or large) project started. Take advantage of the things that Endewearde has to offer. There's so much going on; get involved.

In Service,
Lord Gwillim Kynith



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The Arts and Sciences

From the Cook's Guild:

Disasters in Medieval Cookery -

I, that is your chronicler, did participate in one of our recent Cook's Guild meetings. I attempted to create a medieval gingerbread....but there were several mishaps! Medieval gingerbread is not the cake like version we all think of. It is basically honey, bread crumbs, ginger, cinnamon, white pepper and saffron, and if you like, some red food coloring, "if thou wilt have it Red" says the website, to take the place of the sandalwood that they would have used back then.

I just want to say up front that no where in the redaction online did I see it say that you should use fresh bread crumbs, so I went the cheap and easy way and bought dry bread crumbs.

The first funny thing that happened was when I tried to use the top of a heart shaped cake pan to mold my gingerbread. I pressed a bunch of the resulting glop on to the top of the cake pan, then I planned on flipping it over so that the lovely crisscross design of the cake pan could be seen on the top of the confection. So I put a cookie sheet on top of the gingerbread and turned the whole thing over, cookie sheet, gingerbread and cake pan, so that the cake pan was on top. But, lo and behold, honey is very sticky stuff!!! So the cake pan wouldn't come off the top of the gingerbread and I seemed to have a gingerbread sandwiched between a cookie sheet and a cake pan....hmmmm...what to do? So I thought that perhaps if I filled the now upright cake pan with some hot water from the tea kettle it would soften the gingerbread enough to allow me to lift the cake pan off the top. I actually ended up taking the cake pan off the top when the cake pan was cool rather than warm. But now looking at the pretty heart shaped mass on the cookie sheet, I couldn't help but notice that the whole thing looked like RAW HAMBURGER!!! The red food coloring was a perfect color for raw meat, and the dry bread crumbs didn't absorb into the honey very well and looked like the white pieces of fat in hamburger.....YUCK! What a sight! Good thing I didn't try to serve that at the Hunt! :) So I ended up covering the entire thing with powdered sugar and cinnamon (probably not period at all!) Although it had the most wonderful taste - just like Ginger snaps! I certainly appreciated the brave souls who tried it!

Leafy Greens & Mutton activities:

The Leafy Greens & Mutton, our local medieval vocal ensemble, has been practicing, practicing, practicing! This past year we sang for the Orono Church of Universal Fellowship and for the Bangor Public Library in December to help them celebrate the Christmas season. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Christmas carols. And the kids really enjoyed the treats they found in their shoes when St. Nicholas visited the Bangor Public Library on St. Nicholas Day. While the kids were listening to the music, little did they know that the toymaker himself would show up to give them a little preview of things to come on Christmas Eve.

To see when the Leafy Greens & Mutton will perform again please go to:

<http://www.geocities.com/aneleda/>

How to Become involved in the SCA without spending a fortune!

Submitted by Lady Margaret of Rochester

We have all seen the grand pavilions, shiny new armor and gowns that cost as much as a used car. But having fun and contributing in the SCA doesn't have to require a fortune.

Volunteer – A willing pair of hands is always welcome at events. No, you won't get paid for your work, but it won't cost you either. Putting up list ropes, sitting at troll or making yourself useful at the kitchen sink is a lot of fun because of the company.

Write Poetry – Saxon poetry styles and Elizabethan ones are as different as rap is to opera. Find a style you enjoy and twist your brain around the language. This won't cost you more than a bit of paper and a pencil.

Games – Many medieval games require very little in the way of complicated pieces or equipment. A dollar's worth of glass drops and a scrap piece of plywood or even paper will give you everything you need to play.

Embroidery – Add a little decorative touch to garb you already own. A nicely embroidered scrap piece of fabric can be made into a pouch, favor, trim, or maybe even a game board.

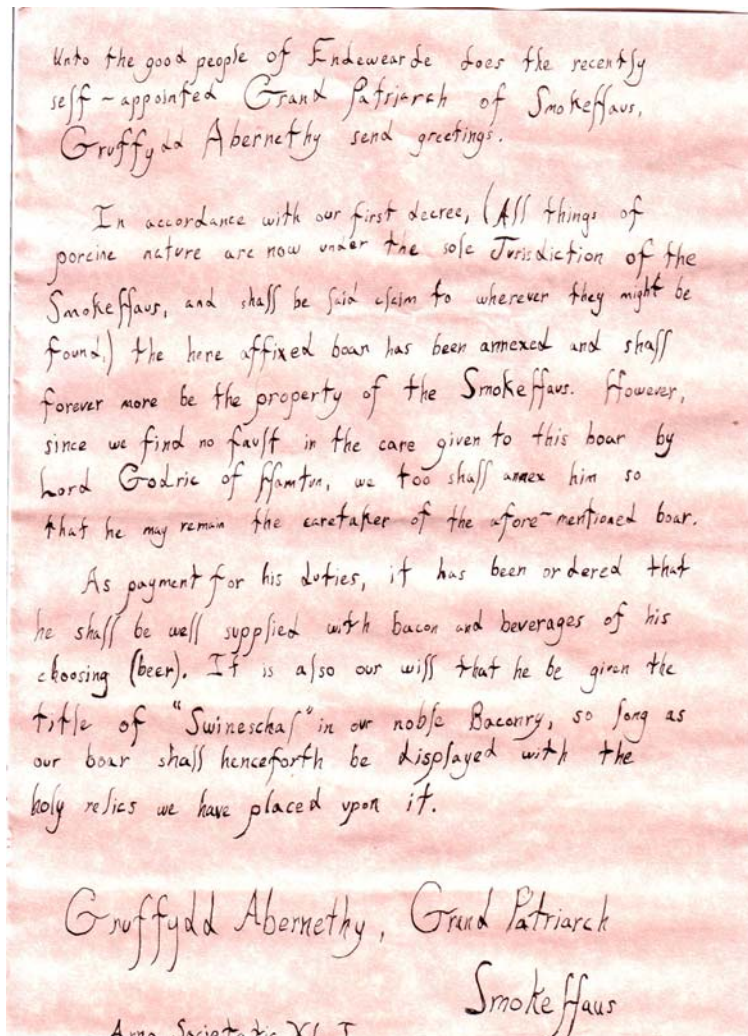
Storytelling – This costs nothing more than a trip to the library. We know of thousands of period stories. Find one or two and make them yours. You will be most welcome at bardic circles.

Research – Mark one more activity that takes little more than some time spent at the library. Your research might find its way into a class you teach at an event. Maybe your research will work its way into the way you play your persona.

Resources abound to help you get started in any of these activities. Members of the shire, your local library and the internet can point you in the right direction.

A letter to the People of the Shire of Endewardæ from the Grand Patriarch of Smokeffaus:

Let it be known unto the Shire of Endewardæ



Translation:

Unto the people of Endewearde does the recently self appointed Grand Patriarch of SmokeHaus, Gruffydd Abernethy send greetings.

In accordance with our first decree (All things of porcine nature are now under the sold Jurisdiction of the SmokeHaus, and shall be laid claim to wherever they might be found) the here affixed boar has been annexed and shall forever more be the property of the SmokeHaus. However, since we find no fault in the care given to this boar by Lord Godric of Hamtun, we too shall annex him so that he may remain the caretaker of the afore-mentioned bore.

As payment for his duties, it has been ordered that he shall be well supplied with bacon and beverages of his choosing (beer). It is also our will that he be given the title of "Swineschal" in our noble Baconry, so long as our boar shall henceforth be displayed with the holy relics we have placed upon it.

Gruffydd Abernethy, Grand Patriarch, SmokeHaus

Anno Societatis XLI

From the Chronicler:

Firstly, I want to thank our Seneschal, Lord Gwillim, for giving me this opportunity to serve our Shire. Being a newcomer I feel that this may be a great way to become familiar with our Shire members and activities, and a way to introduce myself to all of you! For those that don't know, I am Leofwyn of Whittlesey. Mundanely, I am a mom of 5 kids ages 17 to 26(3 of my own and two steps). And first and foremost I am just that - a Mom! I am also a Grandma, aka Mama-Lyn, to my 6 year old grandson, Caleb and his 6 month old twin brothers Alex and Zach. In addition to the role of mother and grandmother, I am an employee at UMaine, a student on hiatus at UMaine studying sociology and anthropology, I assist in shooting fireworks for a local fireworks company as a hobby/part-time job, and am singing with our very own Leafy Greens & Mutton. I am also the loving wife to my husband Alan. Oh the many roles of me! Now, to that list I have added Chronicler. Phew! Guess I didn't have enough to do!

I found out about the SCA through a co-worker. But didn't join in the fun until much later when my youngest daughter, Rhona, found out about the Endewearde Hunt in October 2005. It was being held on her birthday and she loved anything of the medieval sorts, so she wanted to attend. So being a "mom" I spent the entire next week sewing complete outfits for us both so that we might attend the event. We have been hooked ever since.

Secondly, I admit I have never done anything like this before, so please bear with me as I learn how to serve you and our Shire.

Thirdly, I sincerely apologize to all of you now, because I will probably become a pain in the proverbial rear quarters asking for any information I can extract from you, for the content of this newsletter. So before you consider throttling me when I have asked you for the sixth time for some obscure bit of information, just remember I am trying to serve you and the Shire with all of my best effort! :)

All of that said, I look forward to learning and serving you as your Chronicler!

In Service,

Leofwyn of Whittlesey

Shire Meeting Minutes Feb 25th 2007

21 people present

Exchequer Report - (Godric of Hamtun) New Kingdom exchequer is good to work with - very proactive. Godric is looking for a new deputy. Discussed event budget requests/reports.

Web Minister - Website is up and current.

Rapier Marshal - Nothing to report.

Chronicler - (Leofwyn of Whittlesey) - Newsletter is ready to go online.

A&S - (Aneleda Falconbridge) - A&S Site is up, simple and waiting to grow. It's not linked to the shire website yet.

Chatelaine - (Sara of Stoneleigh) - Daughter Jossilyn very ill with leukemia, Frita is handling Gold Key if necessary.

Herald - (Brita Svendsdottir) - Lady Anne and Lord Gwillim's devices passed.

Knights' Marshal - (Ane du Vey) - Practices every Sunday - combat archery season just ahead.

MOL - (Sylvia od Endewearde) - Lady Anya has stepped down as Endewearde's Minister of the Lists, she's leaving the area soon

Youth Combat - New totes for youth gear purchased by shire. 3 youths competed at Birka, all took various awards. Discussed new Setc. 11 law.

Archery - Still snow on ground but range will open as soon as possible. Equip workshops to start soon. East Kingdom scoring problems have been dealt with and settled.

Endewearde Revel - a "private party" March 10, 1-4, Lady Margaret's setting it up.

Jehan's Fencing and Fighting at the Fort - Lord Gwillim is autocrat/Melisaunde is assistant. April 28 at Fort Knox
Announcement in Pikestaff. All going as scheduled

Ft. Knox Demo - Lady Bryn volunteered to autocrat. Event scheduled for Sept 8 at Ft. Knox.

Endewearde Hunt - Lady Aneleda agreed to be assistant autocrat, no volunteers to autocrat. No date set.

Bare Blade Tavern Brawl XX - Lord Godric will autocrat. Currently looking for a site. Discussed possible dates.
Preferred to move date up into October.

Calendar of upcoming local events and meetings:

During the months of April and May

Repeating activities

Project & Shop Nights
Every Tuesday at Godric & Margaret's home in Bangor
6:00 to 9:00

Shop nights
Every Thursday at Vey & Sylvia's home in Bucksport
6:00 to 9:00

Medieval Dance Practice
1:00 to 3:00, occurs every other Sunday
at Unity College upstairs in the activities
room 1B/2B in the gymnasium building

SCA weapons practices
Every Sunday at EMCC Johnston Gymnasium in Bangor, Maine
4:00 - 5:30 pm Youth Fighter
5:00 - 7:00 pm Adult Fighter
5:30 - 7:30 pm Adult Fencer
New people are welcome at anytime.
Some loaner gear is available

Please check the Shire of Endewearde website for specific dates, corrections
or changes in our regularly scheduled activities!

Special events

April 28th – Jehan's Fencing and Fighting at the Fort
at Fort Knox in Prospect Maine

And for more information about our local events go to

<http://www.endewearde.eastkingdom.org/>

Or for not so local events go to <http://www.eastkingdom.org/event-list.html>

On this day, in the year of our Lord.....

Upcoming Birthdays (or at least those that will admit to it) :
April 2nd:

J.T. Crawford, the Invisible Scottish Highlander, age 19

April 16th:

Bronwyn, our merry maid from Wales, age 27

Happy Birthday to our Shire Members!

Other happy events:

Congratulations to Aneleda and Drew on their marriage that occurred on July
1st, 2006! (I did shoot a fireworks shell in your honor!) And I hear a rumor
that there may be a need for tiny garb soon!

And just because Fun is what it is all about.....

On this day in history (or thergz-about):

April 2nd 1513 Ponce de Leon discovers Florida

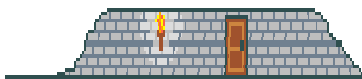
April 12th 1633 Galileo convicted of heresy

April 16th 1746 – the battle of Culloden was fought on the Scottish Highland moors

May 1st – Beltaine (one of many spellings) – traditional celebration of the coming of Spring. For some in Ireland, Scotland and other northern European countries it was a tradition to build balefires and drive their livestock between the fires to ensure fertility and prosperity. Also known as May Day it has been traditionally celebrated by wrapping a May Pole in criss-crossing ribbon. Creating May Baskets was another way to celebrate. These were shared by leaving them on the doorsteps of your neighbors or friends, knocking on the door and running away, this would signal the neighbor or friend to chase and kiss the giver if caught!

May 16th 1770 : Louis, soon to be king of France, marries Marie Antoinette

May 20th 1536 – Anne Boleyn, wife to King Henry VIII, beheaded.



Word Find: There are many words that are uniquely SCAdian. Here are just a few that your Chronicler has "picked up" during the last year. These words (minus punctuation or capitalization) are included in

the letters below. They can be listed up, down, backwards, forwards or diagonally.

Happy hunting!

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queen	King	autocrat	SCAdian	garb
arrow	knight	Pas d'Armes	m'lady	tunic