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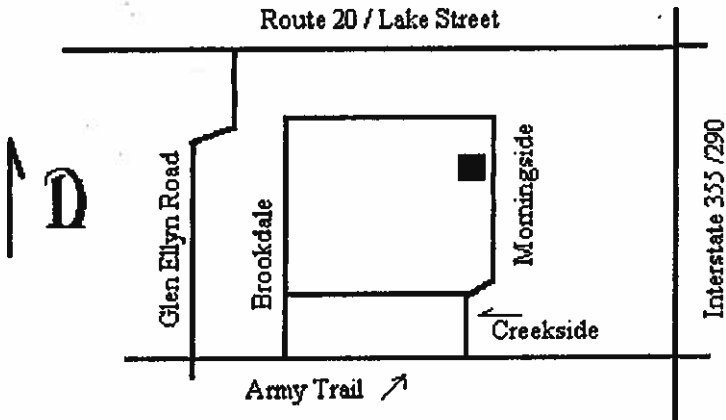


March 1999

Next Shire Moot

The February shire moot will be Sunday, March 21 at the home of Earl and Maxine Bless. Moot starts at 6:30pm sharp. Call them if you -630-351-5802 if you have questions.

Also mark your calendar for April 11th for the April moot at Kevin and Kathy Westburg's home.



Earl and Max 306b Morningside 630-351-5802

Event News

The Pale Ad has been sent, the site has been booked (its last years event site in Elgin) and the event website is up.

The URL for the shire event site is
<http://users.aol.com/scaevent/welcome.html>

At the shire moot Gavin and I will prepare the event dishes for you to taste. Also, below is the current volunteer list. Please see where you there is a need and sign up. Those areas in **Bold** are where we need help.

Troll: Dayle and Teri

Signs: Scott

Parking Directors: Need 4 (for the first few hours of the event)

Marshalls: Scott. Need 3 more, more importantly we will need a certified marshall to hold fighting at all.

A&S Display: Need 2 to watch the display during the day

Kitchen Help: Earl, Kevin and Tim. Need 1 more.

Feast Hall Coordinator: Kathy

Servers: Laura, Maxine. Need 8 more.

Drink Servers: Scott and Teri

Cleanup Crew: We need help from everyone

Friday Setup: Becky, Laura, Scott, Earl, Teri and Maxine. Need 4 more.

Shower Shuttles: Need two people with vans.

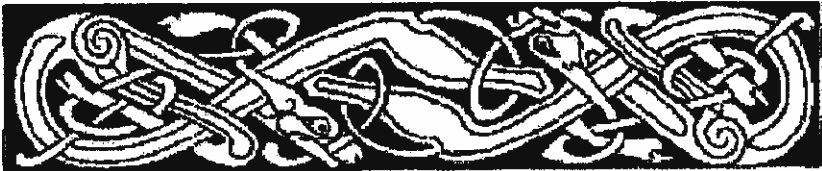
From the Seneschal

As of this writing Culwyn will be stepping down from his office of Marshall and Aldred will be taking charge of the office. I'd like to thank Culwyn for his years of service.

In addition, you may have noticed that Jaie and Kiyohara have taken the office of Minister of Arts and Sciences and Exchequer respectively. If you have ever taken over an office for the first time, you know the kind of support you needed.

Please tell Jaie of any arts and sciences projects you are in the process of or have completed so she can accurately report on our activity and make sure if you purchase anything that you give a receipt to Kiyohara.

Officers, remember you have a yearly budget of \$25 to purchase materials for your office and to use for certified mail to send in your reports to your superiors. Save those receipts!!



(Last month I forgot to include this event review, my apologies to Aldred. — —Ethelwulf)

The Martyrdom of Saint Leopold

by Aldred of Ascalon

Ah, the arrival of the 18th birthday. The transition from childhood to adulthood, with all the responsibilities and cares that such a milestone brings. What better way to celebrate that landmark than by being clubbed like a baby seal?

Sir Gunther and his Lady Sofia, along with the rest of the Shire of Blackhawk, celebrated the arrival of their son's age of majority by throwing an event. It began with the ritual slaying of the child-Leopold by his mother and ended with a scrumptious feast that would satisfy the most demanding carnivore. Myself, Lady Ashley, Lord Gueric, Caitlin, Lady Arwyn, Lord Ethelwulf, Sir Talbot, Lady Freydis, and Charles all braved the icy roads to celebrate with them.

The newly authorized Leopold first held the field against family and royalty. A raffle was conducted, with the proceeds to be donated to char-

ity, for the privilege of being the first of the populace to cross swords with him, the match to be held after the double elimination prize tourney. The finals of the prize tourney were between Sir Bardolph and Master Chen, with Sir Bardolph the victor. Sir Guillaume was then declared the winner of the raffle, but since he had already vanquished Leopold during the prize tourney, and had also divested himself of armor to compete on the fencing list, he transferred the privilege over to Lady Cassandra. Leopold then held the field against all comers, at least until an armor failure drove him from the list. There was also a novice tourney that was won by the Lady Aileen.

There were several other events during the day, including a relic design contest and a silent auction to benefit the son of a lady SCA member who passed away recently. A definite treat was the Relic Race, in which two teams competed to collect bones and take them back to their base. The competition became a bit more physical in the later rounds, with wrestling and football tactics being used by several teams.

The feast was outstanding, with sugared almonds, dates, dried apricots, and candied ginger served on the table at the start of feast. A light salad was the first remove, followed by chicken with more sugared almonds. Carrots came next with the piece de

resistance, a beef bourgonoine in a pastry bowl to follow. Sometimes it's good to be squired to one of the ranking peers, since Talbot was able to procure three more servings of the outstanding beef dish.

There was a collection of pictures of Leopold at different ages on the tables, to be used as the basis for a caption contest. The Shire of Blackhawk then presented Leopold with an effigy of a badly mutilated warrior and proclaimed him the patron saint of smart mouthed kids. A dessert of cheesecake then followed. Feast was also marked by a missile fight between head table (undoubtedly started by the sinister Sir Bardolph!) and a couple of the other tables.

All in all, a very pleasant event. I'm sure that Leopold will be feeling the effects of his exertions for a few days, and I hope that he can get in the kind of fighting that he wants before he leaves for the Navy in September

Electronic Pilgrim

This month the local newspapers did me a great favor and listed medieval cooking web sites. Send me those site recommendations at ebless@aol.com.

Also, AOL has awarded our shire's website an "AOL Top Pick", one of five top picks for the month of March, the website had been a area top pick for the Midwest for the last few months on Hometown AOL. If you haven't been to the shire site in some time, check it out at:

<http://users.aol.com/vanishwood/welcome.htm>

Sir Clisto's Tome:

<http://www.execpc.com/~clisto/clisto12.html>
Lots of links to other cooking sites including one on the crusades. Sir Clisto is a Ren Faire knight (nuff said) and a major part of his site deals with Ren-Faire type links.

A Boke of Good Cookery:

<http://www.labs.net/dmccormick/huen.htm>
Lots of recipes from medieval sources, feast menus and other links of interest. This is where I found a recipe and source for potato pancakes from the 1500's.

Medieval/Renaissance Food Homepage:

<http://www.pbm.com/~lindahl/food.html>

Bibliography of sources, articles and indexes and recipes. An excellent source to start your searches.

The Ansteorra Cooks Mailing List:

email majordomo@ansteorra.org saying "subscribe sca-cooks" in the body.

As you may know, mailing lists are a form of discussion group, not unlike a Internet newsgroup. However mailing lists send all posts to the subscribers email account. This list is pretty active, with 20-30 posts a day. It can often be very good, sometimes a bit snobby, but usually you may find answers to many of your cooking questions.



Shire Activities

Thursday: Fighter Practice at the Rokkehelden site, 7:30-9:00pm. Call Earl Bless 630.351.5802 for directions

Brewers Guild: Meets on an as need basis, call either Earl Bless 630-351-5802 or Kris Southerland 630-510-3468 if you want to brew.

Sewing Guild: Meets on an as need basis, call Maxine Grief-Bless 630-351-5802 for time and place.

Submission Guidelines

We welcome all submissions. If the information is time sensitive please call the chronicler, to reserve space, but in general, submission deadlines are 7 days before the next moot. Submissions are best if they are in Word (Win95) format and can be either dropped off on disc or send via email to ebless@aol.com. If you can only provide a printed copy, please set your type style to Times Roman and font size to 14points (its easier to OCR that way). Art can be in any form, we have a scanner. The chronicler reserves the right to refuse or edit any submission.

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Note: Shire policy dictates that officers change every two years unless there is no successor in line. If you are interested in a position, contact the Seneschal who will inform the current officer. Final decisions regarding officer changes is up to the current officer and the Seneschal.

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