



Shire of Dark River

River Runes



January 2004 Anno Societatis XXXVIII

Year 25 of the Shire

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Near Eastern Dance Guild (Troupe Rakset al-Nehri)

Sayyida Mellilah al-Zarqa

(mka Michele Donner-Ramsey)

Shire Calendar

January 2004

- 6 Middle Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Johnson School 3rd floor
- 7 Fighter's Practice
7pm Bethel Wesley Church
- 8 Shire Business Meeting
7pm Rock Island Masonic Temple
- 11 Second Sunday Sewing Circle
1pm Ellonyia's Castle
- 13 Middle Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Johnson School 3rd floor
- 14 Fighter's Practice
7pm Bethel Wesley Church
25th Year Event Planning Meeting
7pm Bethel Wesley Church
- 15 Shire Revel Meeting
7pm Rock Island Masonic Temple
- 20 Middle Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Johnson School 3rd floor
- 21 Fighter's Practice
7pm Bethel Wesley Church
25th Year Event Planning Meeting
7pm Bethel Wesley Church
- 22 Scribe's Guild Meeting
7pm Guido's Castle
- 27 Middle Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Johnson School 3rd Floor
- 28 Fighter's Practice
7pm Bethel Wesley Church
25th Year Event Planning Meeting
7pm Bethel Wesley Church

February

- 3 Middle Eastern Dance Guild
- 4 Fighter's Practice
25th Year Event Planning Meeting
- 5 Shire Business Meeting
7pm Rock Island Masonic Temple
25th Year Anniversary Russian Event
Bethel Wesley Church, Moline

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UPCOMING MIDDLE KINGDOM EVENTS

This information can also be found at http://www.midrealm.org/midrealm_calendar.phtml









January 2004

- 3 -     Twelfth Night {Roaring Wastes} [Davisburg, MI]
- 4 - Pentamere Open {Roaring Wastes} [Madison Heights, MI]
- 9-11 -    Twelfth Night {Nordskogen} [Maple Lake, MN]
- 10 -  12th Fight {Rimsholt} [Grand Rapids, MI]
 - Shadowed Stars Annual 12th Night and Canned Food Drive {Shadowed Stars} [Fort Wayne, IN]
 - Twelfth Night in the Barony of the Flame {Flame} [Springfield, KY]
- 17 - 12th Night {Schattentor} [Rapid City, SD]
 - Sebastian's Strings VI {Svaty Sebesta} [Elk Point, SD]
 -  Twelfth Night {Middle Marches} [Columbus, OH]
 - Twelfth Night {Val d'Azure} [Lexington, KY]
 - Twelfth Night {Tree-Girt-Sea} [Chicago, IL]
 - Winter Revel {Three Walls} [Ionia, MI]
- 24 - 12th Night / Baronial Artisan Competition {Havenholde} [Springfield, OH]
 -   Festival of Maidens {Wurm Wald} [Champaign, IL]
 - Twelfth Night {Castel Rouge} [Winnipeg, MB Canada]
- 31 - A Regular Event in Cleftlands: The Feast of St. Clairiel {Cleftlands} [Cleveland, OH]
 - **[CANCELLED!]** Ice Crusades {Coldernhale} [Mission, SD]
 - Talonval's Winter Demo {Talonval} [Jackson, MI]
- 31-25 - Lupercalia {Rivenwood Tower} [Nicollet, MN]

February 2004

- 1 - **PALE DEADLINE FOR MARCH**
- 6-8 - That Moot Thingy IV {Coille Stormeil} [Tomah, WI]
 - Tropical Parad-ice VII {Mistig Waetru} [Calumet, MI]
- 7 -     Candlemas XVII {Dragonsmark} [Lexington, KY]
 - Fourth Annual Cook's Symposium {Talonval} [Jackson, MI]
 -  Middle Kingdom College of Youth (MKCOY) {Ravenslake} [Antioch, IL]
- 11-16 - Estrella War {Atenveldt} [Arizona]
- 14 -   Bardic Madness XIV: The Feast of Saint Valentine {Castel Rouge} [Winnipeg, Manitoba]
 - Hertzkrieg X {Svaty Sebesta} [Vermillion, SD]
 -   Val Day {Three Hills} [Kalamazoo, MI]
- 20-21 - Quest for the Golden Seamstress III {Mystic Straits (Roaring Wastes)} [Detroit, MI]
- 21 - Masque of Courtly Love: Lucky Seven {Alderford} [North Canton, OH]
 - Midlands Arts & Sciences {St Carol on the Moor} [Charleston, IL]
 -   Venetian Carnival {Rockhaven} [St. Cloud, MN]
- 28 - A Day of Dance {Caer Antherth Mawr} [Milwaukee, WI]
 -  Dark Rivers 25 Year Celebration - White Knights {Dark River} [Rock Island, IL]
 - Saltatoris' Regional Dance Practice {Northwoods} [Dimondale, MI]
 - Whack! A Sidesword Symposium {Nordskogen} [Lauderdale, MN]
 -  Winter's End {Fenix} [Cincinnati, OH]
- 28-29 -   Une Fete d'Amore {Midewinde} [Minot, ND]

Calendar Key

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|  Crown in attendance |  Chivalry Meeting |
|  Tanist in attendance |  Laurel Meeting |
|  Northshield Coronet in attendance |  Pelican Meeting |
|  Northshield Heir(s) in attendance |  Curia Meeting |

UPCOMING CALONTIR EVENTS

This information can also be found at <http://calontir.sca.org/calendar.html>

January

- 10 - Twelfth Night Lonely Tower Omaha NE
- Twelfth Night(Nordskogen) Nordskogen(North Shield Minn. MN)
- 17 - Winter War Manuevers Shire of Crescent Moon Topeka KS
- 24 - Board of Directors Meeting Forgetting Sea Kansas City MO
- 31 - Queens Prize Tourney Shadowdale Iowa City IA

February

- 7 - Clothiers Seminar Cum An Iolar S Johnson City KS
- 14 - Estrella War Atenvelt Phoenix AZ
- 21 - Chieftans Three Rivers St. Louis MO



From the Seneschal

The Seneschal is still here!



From the Herald

Those in need of Names or Devices please see me. Get the forms and instruction sheets before working on your Name or Device, then follow the forms and instructions in drafting something. Get this draft to me for a two or three-week review and I'll get back to you with suggestions for a final submission to me, which I will complete and copy for sending up the line. Stay somewhat flexible on your Name and Device until you finalize it for submission. This will give you the best chance for approval on the first try.

Also, please drop me a note regarding the particulars whenever you receive an Award. I need to maintain records on all awards. Information should include the following: Type of Award, Recipients Name (as listed on scroll), Reason for Award (as listed on scroll) and Date of Presentation (as listed on scroll).

Lord Eðar



From the Exchequer

No article at the time of printing.



From the Marshal

Fighter practice is held Wednesday nights at 7pm – 8:30 p.m. The location is: Bethel Wesley United Methodist Church 1201 13th Street Moline, IL 61265. For more information see Daffyd.



From the Arts & Sciences Minister

No Article at the time of printing.



From the Chirurgeon

This position seems to be vacant! If you are interested in this position, please see the Seneschal. If you currently hold this position, please see the Chronicler!



From the Archery Marshal

No article at the time of printing.



From the Chronicler

Next Runes deadline is Feb 1st! Officers, **please** keep this deadline in mind when preparing your reports for the Runes. If you would like a standing message, please see that I get it.

Cookbook Update: It's coming along. I'm just typing all those recipes into the computer now. I'm still accepting recipe submissions, if you still want to contribute.

Shire Phonebook: This is briefly on hold while I'm working on the cookbook and other obligations. Soon I'll be chasing folks down to get their info for the book. ☺ Remember, it is YOUR responsibility to provide updated contact information to me for the Runes.

If you cannot regularly make it to the Shire business meeting, or you know you are going to miss it, feel free to contact me via email or phone to arrange something so you always get the Runes. If you would like it mailed to you, I can do that if you give me stamps.

The Shire of Dark River also has a Yahoo Groups list on the Internet at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shireofdarkriver>. Anyone interested can sign up and get email announcements and reminders. You can be in charge of keeping your own account information correct so you will always be assured of receiving any important shire related information.

Sayyida Mellilah al-Zarga



From the Web Mistress

When checking your list for the upcoming event - please add "Take the Camera!" then, while attending or working our events - please try to grab some pictures. Last year - all I had to put on the web page were shots of archery and a couple of feast - Please try to get candid shots, as opposed to the "line up and take a group picture" variety - action pictures are so much more entertaining. Don't worry if they're not digital - I can scan them and return the original prints to you.

Lady Lia



From the Brewers' Vats

This position seems to be vacant! If you are interested in this position, please see the Seneschal. If you currently hold this position, please see the Chronicler.



From the Chatelain

I wanted to thank everyone who came or contributed to our shire Christmas party in December. Due to the date change and nasty weather, we had a smaller more intimate shin-dig than last year. Several people still contributed food and auction items even though they were unable to attend. Two recipes were collected for our shire cookbook and \$90 was raised in the auction. Two new people showed up at the end of the evening as we were packing up, and hopefully we will see them again in the new year.

There are copies of the Known World Handbook still available for purchase from the Shire. They are \$16 each. Please contact Lady Norelle for a copy of your own.

Lady Norelle



From the Blacksmiths' Forge

No article at the time of printing.



From the Caravan

The Near Eastern Dance Guild practice site has moved. The new site is in the old Johnson School, which is now the Institute of Therapeutic Massage & Wellness. The address is 1730 Wilkes Ave in Davenport (that's on the corner of Locust St and Wilkes, 2 blocks west of Division and Locust). This time we'll be practicing in a private room on the third floor.

The Troupe's demo on Dec 12th went well! The members that were able to attend the demo were: Ates, Ghazalaah, Dimya, Khalilah, Bashirah, Chava, Nisaa, Salome, Katta, Mellilah, Kelly, and Katarina (I think that's everyone who came in costume).

The Shire's Near Eastern Dance Guild is large and strong! We currently have 15+ dancers in Troupe Rakset al-Nehri (Dancers of the River). If you wish to dance with us, we usually hold our practices every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm, at the Pierce School Mall in December, and then Johnson School in January. Don't try to come to just watch though, or we'll make you dance! If you want to see Troupe dancers perform, catch us at one of our scheduled performances or at a Hafla (it means PARTY, talk to Mellilah for more info). If you are interested in learning Near Eastern dance, talk to Mellilah about her scheduled classes or getting a primer class before joining the Troupe.

Sayyida Mellilah al-Zarga



From the Cooks' Kitchen

The Cook's Guild is going strong! Recipes are being tested and tasted in preparation for the 25th Anniversary event. Everyone is welcome to join us at our next meeting, call Lady Annyse for the next meeting.



Fencing

Lord Corkeran would like to inform everyone that Rapier Fencing practice is happening at the weekly Fighter's Practice every Wednesday at 7pm at Bethel Wesley Church in Moline. Minimal armor is needed to get started learning, so contact Lord Corkeran if you are interested, to find out what you need!

From the Sewing Bower

Everyone is invited to the home of John and Ellie (1033 Kirkwood Blvd. Davenport) the second Sunday of every month for a sewing circle. This month we will be making banners! We need to do a shire banner first for the Midrealm state dinner at Pennsic. After that we'll make any old banners we want! Show up at 1pm, John will have a big pot of something. Whether you are working on an embroidery project or court garb, feel free to stop on over, bring your project and enjoy everyone's company.

25 Year Event News

The event is off to a great start! The 1st Wednesday event planning meeting was well attended.

His Royal Majesty will be attending the event. We will be seating 106 at feast and expect a general attendance of about 200.

There are many opportunities to help ahead of time! We need people to help label flyers, cut site tokens, make decorations, and do pre-cooking.

There are many jobs that need doing the day of the event: Troll, List minister, childrens room, judges, kitchen chefs, servers & course set-up, breakdown and clean-up.

If you would like to volunteer, sign-up sheets will be at meetings, or you can call Lady Annyse.

Event planning meetings are every Wednesday at the Fighter Practice site, Bethel Wesley Church, 7pm. Not only will the event be discussed, but event projects will be worked on, so show up and help out!

In service,

Lady Annyse Lionstone

From the Scriptorium

Dark River Scriptorium is looking for strong backs and weak minds to lift extremely dangerous bird feathers that have been magically transformed into instruments of communication.

If you think that you have the necessary qualifications apply at the Inn of the Gilded Serpent any 2nd or 4th Thursday of the month. 768 25th Ave Ct. in the Shire of Moline. (309) 797-4134

Hot chocolate complete with seasonal ingredients is served at the Inn. Small children, well behaved spouses and overladen money bags always welcome.

Lord Guido



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Classifieds

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In need of something particular, an item or a service? Do you have something that you just know someone could use? Or perhaps you have a skill you would like make available? Call or email Mellilah about putting your classified ad in this space. It's free and easy!

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Village Life

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bone-house" and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they thought they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell.. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the "graveyard shift") to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer."

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not 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 there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."



Tidbits

For those who might be interested, the Irish Rovers will be playing at the Adler theater on 02/27/04. Tickets are available and are \$22, \$27 & \$33.

Cell Phones

Area police departments are collecting old cell phones for distribution to the elderly. The reason being is that even phones without current service can still be used in an emergency to dial 911. If you have an old, unused cell phone, consider giving it a new life as an aid to the elderly. I will be collecting phones at the Revel in January.

Thanks so much!

Ellonyia

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Costume Corner

By *Sayyida Mellilah al-Zarga*

With the upcoming 25 Year Anniversary Event fast approaching, and it's theme of Old Russia, I thought I'd put a few resources for costume ideas up here for your perusal. Russian garb is not the only option either, for various other countries in Asia and Europe were parts of Russia at various times in history or influenced Russian costume, and various conquerors like the Mongol Hordes came through.

Websites for Russ costume:

<http://members.aol.com/Predslava/GiliarovskaiaPatterns.html>
<http://braid.freesevers.com/costume.html>
<http://www.slavic.freesevers.com/links.html>
<http://www.oldprints.co.uk/prints/russcost.htm>
<http://anvil.unl.edu/vasilla/russiancostume.html>
<http://www.costumes.org/ETHNIC/1PAGES/russcostbits.htm>
http://www.geocities.com/weyland_geo/Znanie/VIEnglish.htm
<http://www.bashedu.ru/konkurs/kirsanova/English/club/russian.htm>
<http://www.geocities.com/ilyana7/novgorod/toc.html> - this one is the Compleat Anachronist #99 online "Life in Novgorod"

Websites for other possible costumes:

<http://sca-garb.freesevers.com/articles/howtolinks.html>
<http://members.aol.com/noramunro/Mongoliana/index.htm>
<http://members.tripod.com/~whitebard/bibli54.htm>
<http://www.ezlink.com/~culturev/people.html>
<http://members.tripod.com/~BlackTauna/byzantine.html>

Books:

[Medieval Russia, 850 -1700: a sourcebook](#) - Basil Dmytryshyn
[Kievan Russia 850-1240](#) - Dimitri Obolensky
[Russia and the Golden Horde : the Mongol impact on medieval Russian history](#) - Charles Halperin
[The crisis of medieval Russia, 1200-1304](#) – John Fennell
[A history of Russia: medieval, modern, and contemporary](#) – Paul Dukes
[The art and architecture of medieval Russia](#) - Arthur Voyce
[Land of the firebird : the beauty of old Russia](#) - Suzanne Massie