



Shire of Dark River

River Runes



June Anno Societatis XXXVIII

Year 24 of the Shire

Officers & Contact Persons



Seneschal: Lord Corkeran O'Brenan
(mka Kevin Woods)



Herald: Lord Edar ap Gwynedd
(mka Terry Paul)



Exchequer: Lady Ceridwen verch Gruffyd
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(mka Michele Hogren)



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Chirurgion: *Vacant*



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(mka Rene Robinson)



Web Minister: Lady Lia de la Fontaine
(mka Rene Robinson)

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Vacant

Scribe's Guild

Lord Guido De Canale (mka Steve Morford)

Cook's Guild

Lady Annyse Lionstone (mka Jacque Chandler)

Brewer's Guild

Vacant

Sewing Guild

Lady Ellonyia Cedricsdottir (mka Ellie Yenney)

Blacksmith's Guild

Lord Gunther Todmacher (mka Rich Faith)

Near Eastern Dance Guild (Troupe Rakset al-Nehri)

Mellilah al-Zarqa (mka Michele Hogren)

Shire Calendar

June 2003

- 3 Near Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall 3rd floor
- 4 Fighter's Practice
6:30pm Bethel Wesley Church
- 5 Shire Business Meeting
7:00pm Rock Island Masonic Temple
- 6-8 Murder and Melee Shire Event
- 10 Near Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall 3rd floor
- 11 Fighter's Practice
6:30pm Bethel Wesley Church
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7:30pm Pierce School Mall 3rd floor
- 18 Fighter's Practice
6:30pm Bethel Wesley Church
- 19 Shire Revel Meeting
7:00pm Rock Island Masonic Temple
- 20-22 Jubilee Olde English Faire
- 24 Near Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall 3rd floor
- 25 Fighter's Practice
6:30pm Bethel Wesley Church

July 2003

- 1 Near Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall 3rd floor
- 2 Fighter's Practice
6:30pm Bethel Wesley Church
- 3 Shire Business Meeting
7:00pm Rock Island Masonic Temple

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UPCOMING MIDDLE KINGDOM EVENTS

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









June 2003

- 1 - PALE DEADLINE FOR JULY
- 6-8 - Castle Fever {Silfren Mere} [Oronoco, MN]
 - Death and Taxes {Dun Traigh} [Walhalla, MI]
 -  Grand Tournament of Archery {Fasach Mor} [Troy, MI]
 - Known World Heraldic Symposium {Calontir} [St. Louis, MO]
 - Murder & Melee {Dark River} [Blue Grass, IA]
 -  Northern Oaken War Maneuvers {Cleftlands} [Wellington, OH]
- 7 - Gentles in Black {Castel Rouge} [Winnipeg, MAN]
- 7-9 -  DEMO: Don't Bluff Me {Coille Stoirmeil} [Oakdale, WI]
- 13-15 - Baronial Border War {Rimsholt} [Grand Rapids, MI]
 -  Spring Fling {Windhaven} [Oshkosh, WI]
- 14 - Raider's Paradise {Afonlyn} [Farmland, IN]
- 14-21 -  Lilies War {Calontir} [Smithville Lake, MO]
- 20-22 - Cowards and Conscripts {Rivenwood Tower} [Fairmont, MN]
 - Encampment at the Castle {Three Towers} [Mansfield, OH]
 -  Jubilee Olde English Faire {Illiton} [Brimfield, IL]
 - Thatsa Mare {Marea Amethystinum} [Thunder Bay, ONT]
- 21 - Tyger Hunt {Hawkland Moor} [Davisburg, MI]
- 27-29 - DEMO: Howell Balloon Festival {Weald Lake (Northwoods)} [Howell, MI]
 - Siege of Talonval {Talonval} [Leslie, MI]
 - Swine and Roses {White Waters} [Oceola, IN]
 - Unnamed XI {Rudivale} [Grand Forks, ND]
- 28 -   Border Raids {Meridies} [Ft. Knox, KY]

July 2003

- 1 - PALE DEADLINE FOR AUGUST
- 4-6 -  Mad Dogs {Border Downs} [Sioux Falls, SD]
- 5 - Melee in the Marche {Tirnewydd} [Delaware, OH]
- 5-6 - Aethel XXI {Swordcliff} [Chandler'sville, IL]
 - All the King's Men {Dragonmark} [Lexington, KY]
- 10-13 -      Warriors and Warlords {Jararvellir and Nordskogen} [Black River Falls, WI]
- 11-13 - Fenix Pheon Festival {Fenix} [Union, KY]
 - Oaken Melee School IV {Alderford} [Roswell, OH]
- 18-20 - Push for Pennsic {Hawkes Key} [Troy, OH]
- 19 - Brawl at the Crooked Dragon Tavern {Falcon's Quarry} [LaGrande, OH]
 -     Rose Tourney & Emprise of the Dragon's Chalice {Roaring Wastes} [Fenton, MI]
- 25-27 - Rabid Yale Hunt {Coldedernhale} [Rosebud, SD]
 -   Simple Day {Sternfeld} [Greenfield, IN]
- 27 - Smurf Shoot {Hawkland Moor} [Clarkston, MI]
- 31-3 - Moorish Tavern {Midewinde} [Metigoshe, 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>

June 2003

- 7th Knowne World Heraldic Symposium Three Rivers St. Louis MO
Knowne World Dance and Music Symposium Stepps (Ansteorra) Dallas/Arlington TX
14th Lilies War Forgotten Sea Kansas City MO
21st Lilies War Forgotten Sea Kansas City MO

(Editor's note: I was unable to access Calontir's website to get July's calendar at the time of printing. Sorry!)



From the Seneschal

Greetings,

Hoping this will not come as to great a shock, yes, this from your Seneschal and no it's not a pod person taking my place. Sorry for the long absence.

Last meeting notes

- Officers gave their reports
- A report from our Ebay Mistress, sales are good but she needs more stuff
- We discussed the progress with the June event, Donna has things in good order
- A proposal was made for a new officers position, Demo coordinator, it was asked that anyone interested in organizing our demos as a regular job should consider the position, it was decided that we would vote at the next business meeting.

June Business Meeting

- Officers report
- June event update
- Opening the officers position of Minister of Children for consideration

Lord Corkeran O'Brenan



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 Marshal

Fighter practice is held Wednesday nights at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. The location is: Bethel Wesley United Methodist Church 1201 13th Street Moline, IL 61265. For more information see Daffyd or Gunther.



From the Arts & Sciences Minister

No Article at the time of printing.



From the Chronicler

Next Runes deadline is June 28! 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 via email or hand it to me at a meeting. I plan to attend at least one of our meetings a month.

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.

Mellalah al-Zarga



From the Chatelain

Worm Wald is hosting the midlands Newcomers seminar again this year. this Sept 13th. I took a couple of people last year, and it was very nice. All of the classes were about an hour long so it didn't get too tedious. If you or anyone you know is interested in going, please let me know. They are also looking for teachers to present very basic 101 type classes. If you are interested in teaching contact Folo Watkins in Worm Wald. I have his contact info if anyone wants it and can't find it online.

Lady Norelle



From the Exchequer

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 Web Mistress

When checking your list for the upcoming event - please add "Take the Camera!" then, while attending or working our event - 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 Minister of Children

No article at the time of printing.

From the Scriptorium

No article at the time of printing.



From the Cooks' Kitchen

No article at the time of printing.

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. A big pot of soup will be provided. Bring your expertise, your questions, your energy, your frustrations, your projects, your wish list... you get the picture. Some months will include field trips to the library or fabric store! Im certainly not saying that we have all of the answers, but at least it's a place for all of your questions to come together. 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.



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 Blacksmiths' Forge

No article at the time of printing.



From the Caravan

The Troupe will be performing at our Feast! So watch for us there.

The Shire's Near Eastern Dance Guild is large and strong! We currently have over a dozen dancers in Troupe Rakset al-Nehri (Dancers of the River). If you wish to dance with us, we hold our practices every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm, at the Pierce School Mall in the Village of East Davenport, up on the 3rd floor. 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 Mellilah's monthly studio 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.

Mellilah al-Zarga

Murder & Melee II News!

I'm very excited about our event this weekend, although it does seem strange to try to write something so close to the actual day. I'll save all the last minute business for the meeting. Two days later, most of it won't matter anyway.

We've already sold more feast reservations than we had total last year. I think our attendance is going to be much improved. Scheduling certainly helped with that. Even if this wasn't the first choice for our date, I think it will work out great.

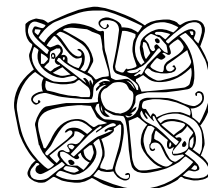
I'll be doing this for the next few weeks, but I wanted to say thank you to everyone who has helped make this event so special. I'm very excited that we had so many newer people getting so involved, and older members trying new things or doing things they haven't done for a while. The Middle-Eastern dance troupe is even involved. It's great to see everyone coming together to accomplish something.

See you by the pool on Friday!

Lady Norelle

The link for our Event is:

<http://www.midrealm.org/darkriver/MM2/index.html>



From the Ebay Mistress

Well, as I am writing this, we have exactly one week until Murder and Melee II. I am pleased to announce that as you are reading this at the business meeting, tonight I am handing the Shire a check in the amount of \$100.72!! That brings our total profits from the Ebay sales to the amount of \$325.86. That should supplement our event quite nicely. I would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to all of you who generously donated items to help us reach our goal. It has been my honor and privilege to assist my Shire in this manner.

Yours in Service,
Katta cel Batrin

Cookbook Fundraiser News

At this time, only ONE person besides myself has turned in recipes for the Shire Cookbook fundraiser! I know that because of Event planning, we've all been quite busy lately and that has kept us from getting our recipes turned in. Please take some time this month to go through your favorite recipes, modern and period recipes, and copy them down for me. I will have recipe forms available at M&M so check with me in the merchants area if you need forms.

In service,
Mellilah al-Zarga

Classifieds

ADVERTISE HERE! For free!

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!

Shire Contact Book Project

At the last officer's meeting, it was suggested that we create a Shire Phonebook that includes not only contact information but also those skills, services and abilities that each member is willing to share or teach, and any awards won. This would reduce the need for constantly printing off the phone list in every Runes, and make member information more easily accessible. This contact book would be updated twice yearly, with additions and changes that happen between updates printed in the current issue of Runes. As always, it is not mandatory to include all your personal contact information in the phone list.

I will begin collecting data for the contact book at this business meeting as well as at the Event this weekend. Please contact me (Mellilah) if I don't find you so that I can get your info into the book. The first issue will be printed this summer (probably in August).

Books of Interest

By Mellilah al-Zarga

The Oxford History of Byzantium

Published by Oxford University Press
ISBN 0-19-814098-3

This book provides a historical overview of Byzantium from it's Roman beginnings to the fall of Constantinople in the 15th century and it's assimilation into the Turkish Empire.

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<http://qlweb.rbls.lib.il.us/>

For Your Enjoyment...

Rejected Event Themes:

St. Swithin's Day Orgee and Chess Tournament
Newbie Roast and Picnic
Running With Scissors V
Sweaty Fighters and a Really Long Court
Black and Blue Tourney Day
Abuse-A-Peer
Who Wants To Be a King?
Drinking and Singing Until the Cops Come
Freaking the Mundanes IV
Wessa Gonna Have a War!
12th Annual Banishment Awards Ceremony and Dinner
Filk, Fun and Fornication
Maxmillian's Ostrich Jousting Tournament
Gopher Feast
Sinsational!
You Won't Forget This Event
The All Peer BBQ
Order Meetings and Some Other Stuff
Master Barbasol's Nervous Breakdown
We're Really Broke
Scooby Doo and the Lost Coronet
Fencers on Parade!

