



Shire of Dark River

River Runes



December Anno Societatis XXXVIII

Year 25 of the Shire

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Lady Annyse Lionstone (mka Jacque Chandler)

Brewer's Guild

Vacant

Sewing Guild

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Near Eastern Dance Guild (Troupe Rakset al-Nehri)

Sayyida Mellilah al-Zarqa

(mka Michele Donner-Ramsey)

Shire Calendar

December 2003

- 2 Middle Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall
- 3 Fighter's Practice
7pm Bethel Wesley Church
- 4 Shire Business Meeting
7:00pm Rock Island Masonic Temple
- 9 Middle Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall
- 10 Fighter's Practice
7pm Bethel Wesley Church
- 12 Rakset al-Nehri Demo Performance
6pm-8pm Christmas Walk in the Village
- 13 Shire Holiday Party
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- 16 Middle Eastern Dance Guild Holiday Party
7:30pm at Mellilah's Castle
- 17 Fighter's Practice
7pm Bethel Wesley Church
- 18 Shire Revel Meeting
7pm Rock Island Masonic Temple
- 23 Middle Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall
- 30 Middle Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm MOVING THE STUDIO

January 2004

- 1 Shire Business Meeting
7pm Rock Island Masonic Temple
- 6 Middle Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Johnson School 3rd floor
- 7 Fighter's Practice
7pm Bethel Wesley Church
- 8 Scribe's Guild
7pm Lord Guido's Castle











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UPCOMING MIDDLE KINGDOM EVENTS

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









December 2003

- 6 -    Boar's Head {Caer Antherth Mawr} [Waukesha, WI]
-   Christmas Tourney {Flame} [Elizabethtown, KY]
- Wassail {Hawkland Moor} [Romeo, MI]
- Yule Feast {Hrodgeirsfjodr} [Toledo, OH]
- 13 -     Stellar University of Northshield {Tor Aerie} [St. Paul, MN]
- Wassail {Mistig Waetru} [Houghton, MI]
-  Youth Fighting Symposium {Greyhope} [Lake Station, IN]
- 27 - Yuletide Feast {Noiregard (Schattentor)} [Spearfish, SD]

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]
- Ice Crusades {Coldernhale} [Mission, SD]
- Talonval's Winter Demo {Talonval} [Jackson, MI]
- 31-25 - Lupercalia {Rivenwood Tower} [Nicollet, MN]

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>

December

13 - [Kris Kinder](#) Forgetting Sea Kansas City MO

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



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 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 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 December 28th! 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.

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 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





From the Chatelain

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 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 Near Eastern Dance Guild practice site will be moving, effective in January. The new site is in the old Johnson School, which is now the Therapeutic Massage Institute's School of Massage and Wellness. This time we'll be practicing in a private room on the third floor. The troupe will probably be using our practice night on the 30th to move the studio stuff.

In other Troupe news, we're doing a dance demo in conjunction with Ancient Rhythms Studio's student troupe, at the Christmas Walk in the Village of East Davenport, on December 12th, 6-8pm. The Christmas Walk is a fun family event, happening Dec 5th and 6th, and Dec 12th and 13th.

The Dance Guild will also be having a holiday party instead of dance practice on Dec 16th, so don't show up that day at Pierce, because we won't be there! If you are interested in hanging out at the party, give Mellilah a call to get directions.

There's a new merchant in town! Actually, **Dark River Caravan** isn't all that new, they've been traveling to Ren Faire's and SCA events for several months now. If you are interested in the accessories for dancing with the troupe, or just for wearing for fun, or in any of their Castle décor, or in a new DRUM (or other instruments) then give Aziza (Valerie Thiessen) a ring on the far-speaker to find out where they are selling next or to visit their caravan if you can't wait.

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

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 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.

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.

Event News

Beginning immediately, there will be an event meeting on every Wednesday night, at Fighter's Practice at the Bethel Wesley Church, 7pm. Anyone wanting to help out with the Shire Anniversary event, please join us on Wednesdays. Watch this space for further news on the Event planning!

Shire Christmas Party!

Just a reminder that there will be an auction at the Christmas Party. Since we are hosting two events this year, any and all income that we can make will really help! Please bring your items (mundane, period, hand crafted, whatever) to the party and the auction will take place after feast (I think).



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!



Each year, AAA collects the front of cards to donate to St Jude's Ranch For Children. These fronts are then re-used to create greeting cards that the Hospital sells as a fund raiser.

If you would like to donate your holiday cards (instead of simply tossing them either after you read them or once the holiday is over) please feel free to send them to:

Ellonyia Yenney
1033 Kirkwood Blvd
Davenport, Iowa 52803

Any and all cards are needed and can enjoy a second life!

Thanks
Ellonyia

