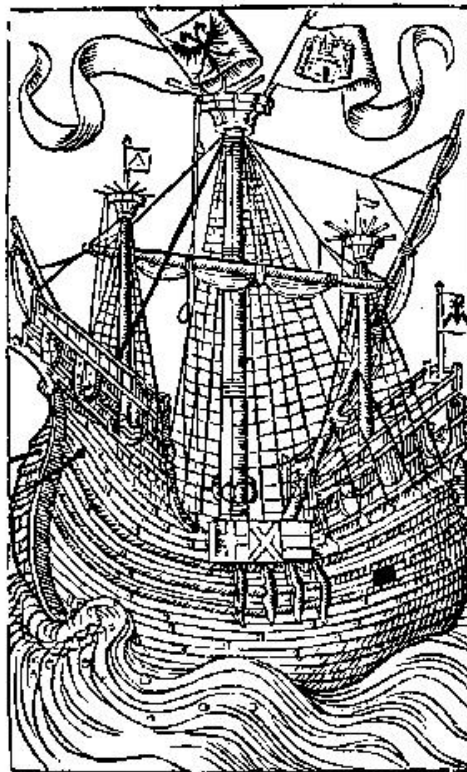


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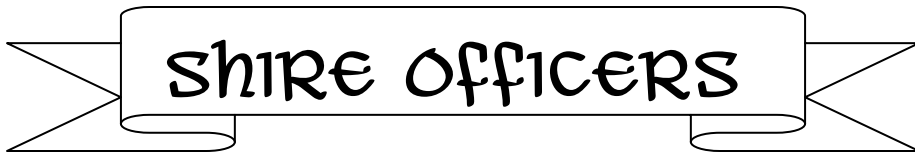
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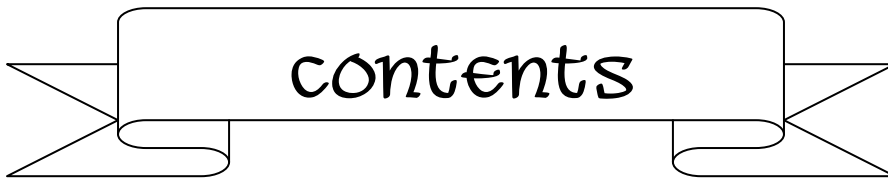
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From the Seneschal...

The long hot summer has finally arrived and things have slowed down for the shire. Let us not forget that we do have an event at the end of October--Defender X. Yes this is our 10th Defender Tournament! Please volunteer to Lord Jayme, the autocrat, as it takes a lot of people to put on this event. And don't forget prizes, prizes, prizes--Chivalric, Rapier, Equestrian, A&S, and Bardic.

Last month I requested bids for several projects and for autocrats for Coastal Invasion IV to be held on February 24-26th, 2006. As Defender XI is now on the calender for Nov 10-12th, 2006 I am accepting bids for autocrat for that as well. The Reeve also asked for anyone who is interested to join the finance committee. Wellllllll, not much was heard from anyone! These are great opportunities for YOU to get involved and help your shire. If you have questions about any of these opportunities, please talk to me.

Some upcoming events to take note of:

THIS COMING WEEKEND:

Youth Acacemy for the youth of our shire OR

King's College for the Artisans OR

The Lord of the Rings Demo in Houston

June 17th-19th

Kingdom Dance and Music Symposium in Houston

July 9th

Coronation of Jason & Saereid

July 16th

King's Round Table

Caitriona

Greetings, I hope most of you have had a chance to look at the Seawinds website and the updates that Bridget has done. (thanks Bridget) I hope you have also noted that there is now something on the Seawinds History page!!! This is just the beginning. HL John Lightfoot and myself have been working on getting all the event info complete and correct. There is a lot missing such as awards received by Seawinders at other events. Other notable events such as squirings and special recognition also need to be included. We have had quite a few Regional officers over the years we could add. We are missing a lot of the names of our Defenders over the years....really need help with this one as this Defender is our 10th and I would like to send invitations to all our old Defenders. Help!!! Once we have the facts down, then we need to fill in the real history...your stories and tales from over the years. Not sure how and if we will include this on the website, but I will find a way to share it with everyone. So dust off the old brain and conjur up some old memories and the NSIWT tales and then send them to me. Seawinds has a long and rich history, let's share it. Caitriona Seawinds Historian



From the Herald...

Unto the Grand Populace of Seawinds, Greetings!

I am working together with Lady Calanna to plan a Heraldic Consultation night in conjunction with the next large equestrian practice. Please watch the Shire's mailing list for further details. Also, if there are any gentles interested in taking the Herald's Warranting Class, please contact me so that I may work with Lord Alden Solstice to set one up. I would also like to resume monthly commentary sessions at some point. If any of you are interested, please let me know.

Yours in Service,

Jayme

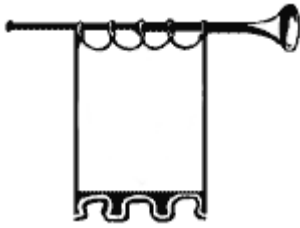


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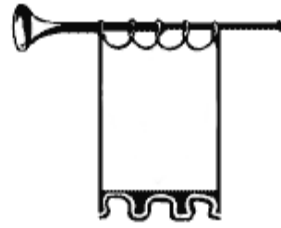
Summer is here, please remember to bring water or gatoraide with you to fighter practice to stay hydrated. Stay cool and see you at fighter practice!

Please remember if you are not a current PAID SCA member you MUST sign a waiver when you fight at fighter practice. If you recently became a paid member I need to see your blue card for verification and to enter it in my records. I encourage all the fighters to join the SCA, then I don't have to bug you for your signature!

Lord Owen of Seawinds



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A missive from a far away friend...

Greetings To My Friends in Seawinds!!

At Bordermarch Baronials, TRM Ulstead and Cateau, honored me beyond saying by offering to elevate me to the rank of Pelican. Because so many I love were not in attendance, I chose to do so at Coronation. I would be most honored if my friends and family of Seawinds would come to give me their words at my vigil. I sincerely hope that many of you will be able to make this journey and witness the honor TRM will bestow upon me.

Until then, I remain...

A Friend of Seawinds and

Ever in Service,

HL Annes Clotilde von Bamburg

Kingdom Historian



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And from the Equestrians...

In the beginning there was nothing. And so it was in those days that the people lacked for land in which to ride his steeds, and the people were sorely disheartened. And now, through the suffering of our ancestors and the grace of God, a place has been given unto us!

Now let us come forth and rejoice! For unto us a great and wondrous Equestrian Arena has been given. And let it be known throughout the land that all peoples should come forth in celebration of its coming. And the days of the gathering shall be numbered June twenty fourth, June twenty fifth, and June twenty sixth. The days shall not precede June twenty fourth, nor shall they exceed June twenty sixth, but shall stand true during and within those days.

And let it be known that in those days, when the people shall mount and ride fine horses, that a great mentor known by the people as Lord Jayme Dominguez del Valle shall come among us to teach the ways of the Herald! And the people shall be greatly satisfied and shall not suffer unto hunger, for behold food shall come forth from the hands of Lady Apollonia de Avena! Let there be music of all manner that we may lift our voices to the heavens! And let not the people from the lands of Stone Bridge Keep and La Marche Sauvage suffer, that they too may know the ways of our hospitality.

Unto those lost souls who require further guidance beyond this missive, let them converse with the Marshal of the Horse Lady Calena di Nero Rosa. And the dwelling of this sage shall be found at zeusbabycakes@yahoo.com

Asa's Dream

By Lord Wayland of Durloch

The drums had fallen silent as the last warrior finally staggered off to bed. Throughout the small village, all was silent except for the noises coming from where Asa the druid slept.

Smoke rose from his cabin, a thin white tendril against the star filled night sky. Inside it was warm and comfortable but Asa did not sleep well, he was having a troublesome dream. He spoke clearly, then mumbled and his brow was furrowed as he slept. In his dream, he could see Quintus and Moira struggling against several warriors that attacked from all directions. The puzzling part was that the warriors were unclear to him, they appeared as shadows but each blow they landed caused Quintus and Moira to bleed. Asa thrashed about in his sleep, he watched his friends fall as the shadowy figures swarmed over them. He kicked the furs off as he moved about, mumbled protests escaping his lips as he saw Quintus being hauled to a wooden structure. In his dream he could plainly see that the structure was a wooden wicker man. Some of the druid sects used them for burning their enemies in. He watched as Quintus was nailed to the outside of the giant wood figure, crucified with his arms stretched out. Asa couldn't help but wonder why the shadows would do such a thing, normally the victim was supposed to be placed inside the hollow wooden man and then it was set afire. As the last nail was struck and the shadows turned away, they took Moira sobbing with them. It was late and they vanished in the glare of the setting sun.

Asa awoke with a shout. He knew what the dream meant, his friends were in trouble. He lit a few lamps and packed what he needed. He had a long journey to make and he would need to leave before morning. Druids weren't supposed to ride horses, but then again, Asa wasn't like most druids.....

After he'd put together a light bundle of food, healing herbs and bandages, the druid grabbed his bow and made for the horse pen. He would need a strong mount and he knew just the one. It was the strongest horse the tribe had ever known, it could run long after the other horses were winded and fell behind. Asa caught the horse and quickly the saddled it with the padded leather saddle. He used one of the newer types that made use of metal rings on each side for toe holds, with these he would be able to avoid falling off.

As he led the horse out of the pen, the rest of the animals started snorting and whinnying. "I guess they don't like their leader to go off without them," Asa said to the horse, patting it's neck.

"Who's there?" said a voice from the darkness.

"It is I, Asa" he replied, scanning the shadows. If it was one of the older warriors it could mean trouble.

He caught sight of the young stable hand as the boy stepped closer. This was good, it would help his plans (not that he'd really made any plans). He figured it best to play it tough and use his position to intimidate the youth. He deepened his voice and declared, "I am on a secret mission. The gods have shown me a vision in my dreams and I must take this horse to the aid of Quintus & Moira."

The boy looked at him in awe, so Asa decided to take another step, his plan swiftly forming in his mind.

"I will leave now. You are to awaken the Chieftain and all the warriors at first light. You hear me? You must wait till first light to wake them." The boy stood looking at him blankly.

"The gods told me that is what they want and you have a very important role in their plan. Get it?" The lad started to nod slowly in understanding.

"Good boy. Once you awaken the warriors, you must tell them to follow my path for surely ill fortune will befall this settlement if something bad happens to me."

"I will, Master Druid. At first light, yes sir," the boy spat out the words eagerly. As he mounted the powerful horse and turned it towards the path, he was feeling very good about how this was turning out until the youth spoke again.

"But Master Druid, sir... Won't the Chieftain be upset that it was his horse the gods told

history, legend and myth

by kuroSH al-dimashQ

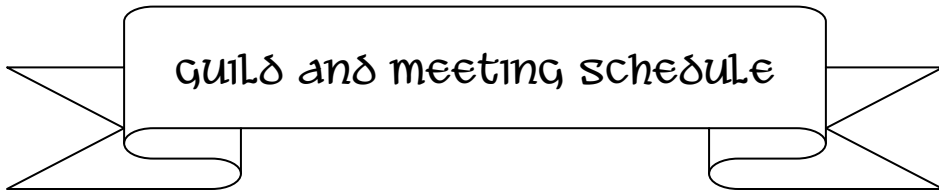
As the opening narration says in *Fellowship of the Ring* "History became legend; legend became myth, and some things which should not have been forgotten, were lost." Many events and figures that are now myth and legend were once considered history. Referring to a previous article I wrote, not only did Augustus Caesar believe himself to be a descendant of Aeneas, but St. Aurelius Augustine likewise believed Aeneas to be a real person. Now Aeneas is considered to be a myth, but we have no factual information on the foundations of Rome. Likewise in the Middle Ages, most of what are now myths, were accepted as fact.

In Spain the "Z" is commonly pronounced like a "TH." A popular belief is that it was due to Holy Roman Emperor Carlos V who spoke with a lisp. However in England they say that King George III spoke with a flattened "R" thus came the posh accent over the cockney. Neither of these speech stories holds any truth, they are legend and hearsay. The named monarchs did have speech impediments, but that is not why their countries speak the way they do.

On the converse, one historical fact thought to be fiction is the archer fingers in the Hundred Years War. There is enough historical evidence that the French did indeed cut off the fingers of captured English archers. At the first battle, Crecy, the English archers managed to repulse a French cavalry attack. At Agincourt, Henry V told his archers that their thumbs as with their forefingers would be hacked. This is also why the forefingers are an insult in modern England.

Currently there is controversy if King Arthur really existed or not. Some say, without evidence, that he never existed. While he is more of a literary than a historical figure, he most likely did exist as a Romanized Celt, fending off invading Saxons. There is archaeological evidence and fragments of primary accounts to prove that he did exist. However he is currently considered to be a legend. It's only a matter of time before years are assigned to his lifespan.

Historical figures such as Charlemagne and Rodrigo Diaz have been immortalized in medieval epic poems *Chanson du Roland* and *El Cid*. Both poems have the title character splitting their Moorish foe in half. While the poems are based on actual historical figures, the story line has been tainted. Poets are known to exaggerate or lie in their works, however most of the licentious moments are obvious to the reader.



Officer's Meetings:

Officer's meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm, place to be announced. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Populace Meetings:

Populace meetings are held on the Tuesday following Officer's Meetings at 7:00 pm at the Helicopter park on Shoreline Boulevard. Everyone is encouraged to attend in garb.

Fighter Practice:

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm at the Helicopter park on Shoreline Boulevard.

Arts and Sciences General Meetings:

Held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Hilltop Community Center in Calallen.

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Archery Guild:

Held the 2nd Saturday of the month. All are invited to attend, combat and target archers alike.

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Dancing and Drumming Guild:

Currently held the 3rd Saturday of the month. All are welcome.

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Herbal and Cooking Guild:

Meetings held the Wednesday night after populace at Lady Apollonia's house at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

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10-12



[King's College](#) - Barony of Namron
(Norman, OK)



[Youth Academy III](#) - Tir Medoin
(Rockdale, TX)

10-19 Out of Kingdom: [Lilies War XIX](#) - Forgotten Sea, Calontir (Kansas City, MO)

17-19



[Kingdom Dance/Music Symposium](#) -
Westgate (Houston)

24-26



Passé de Arms - Adlersruhe (Amarillo, Tx)
Midsummer's Masked Ball - Lindenwood

July 2005

1-3

(Monday 4th - Independence Day)

8-10



[Coronation](#) - Shadowlands and Emerald Keep (College Station and Waco, Tx)

15-17



[King's Round Table](#) - Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, TX)

A Day in Egypt - [Trelac](#) (San Angelo, Tx)

22-24

[Sundered Shield VI](#) - Crossrode Keep (Big Spring, Tx)

Out of Kingdom: [Known World Heraldic & Scribal Symposium](#) - Caer Galen & Unser Hafen, Outlands (Longmont, CO)

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[Queen's Champion](#) - Gate's Edge (North Houston, Tx)

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