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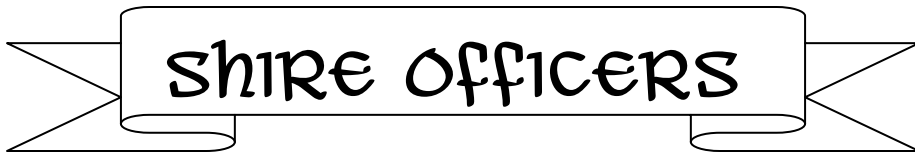
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Submissions of original artwork, short stories, poems, and tidbits of information are always needed. Please send all your talents to the Chronicler!

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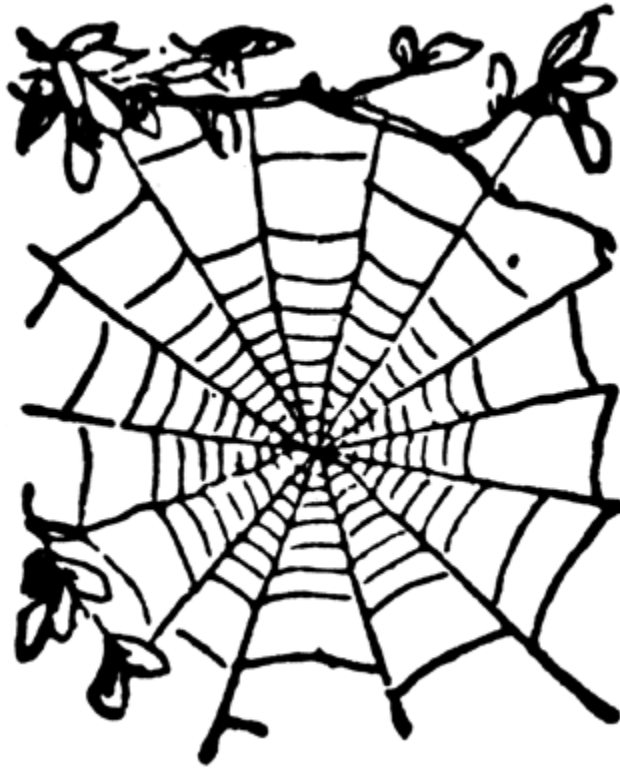
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# Officer Reports



## Aftermath of the Errant Knights Templar

**By: kuroSH al-dimashQ**

The most famous military order of the Crusades was the *Poor Knights of Jesus Christ*, later stationed at the Temple of Solomon, thus called *The Knights Templar*. They were founded in 1118 by Hugh de Payan with a mission to protect the pilgrim road from Christendom to Jerusalem. To this day there is a huge controversy surrounding the military religious order. Many of their meetings were held in secret thus causing people to wonder what kind of initiation rites the monastic knights held.

Aside from fighting, the Templars were the bankers of the 13<sup>th</sup> century. They practically invented the safety deposit box, money order and travelers cheque. The knights also gave out loans, charging rent rather than interest in accordance to Church laws. That is a flat fee on the loan, basing it on the time borrowed not an increasing rate on the amount. As a religious order, they paid no taxes on any of their property, in fact many nobles owed them money.

King Phillip IV of France went bankrupt from borrowing so many loans he had no way of paying them back. He was father of Isabelle, wife of England's King Edward II. One of the loans he borrowed was to pay the dowry to the English monarchy. Aside from that wasted loan, he owed them from previous failed military campaigns.

Fearing the Templars wanted to start a state of their own, Philip refused to give them a castle or any land. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> in October 1307, Phillip came up with several charges from denial of Christ, to satanic worship and homosexuality. The Templar commanderies were ransacked and the monastic knights were arrested. Many confessed under torture, but there were no witnesses or any evidence beyond that. Pope Clement V (a.k.a. Bertrand de Got, a childhood friend of King Philip) disbanded the order in 1314.

After publicly recanting their false confessions, Templar Grand Master Jacques de Molay and Geoffrye de Charney were cooked on a slow fire by the River Sienne. Molay uttered a supplicative curse that Pope Clement and King Philip would join him "at the judgement seat of God before the year is over." Bertrand mysteriously died a month later. Phillip never found the rumored treasure, but was mauled by boar within a year. However most of the Templars actually escaped and sought refuge in neighboring countries. Also, their naval fleet vanished between their Royal arrest and Papal disbanding.

At the Battle of Bannockburn, the English had the Scots outnumbered 3:1. Historians have long wondered why the English retreated on sight of the charge from Coxet hill. It is generally accepted that it was a Templar charge that handed victory to Scotland. Not all choose to believe that, however there is no other explanation why the English retreated although they had the upper hand. The Templars had no reason to favor the English under Edward II, who carried on the French Inquisition on the knights. King Robert Bruce of Scotland ignored the Papal disbanding of the Templars as he himself was an excommunicate of Clement V. Therefore English Templar commander Brian de Jay, with his fugitive knights, settled in Scotland.

Still people question why they waited until the third day of the battle to charge. Over the first two days the English cavalry was destroyed and all the good commanders were killed. Sometimes a rusted bolt has to be oiled before a wrench is taken to it. Again, anyone who doubts this has to explain why an army of over 10,000 retreated immediately from a charge of only a few hundred. The Scottish Templars later took the name "Knights of St. Andrew's Thistle." It is not likely that the modern Templar Order in Scotland's Roslyn Chapel is a direct descendant of the Medieval order.

In Portugal, the Templars were welcomed by King Diniz I where they took the name "Knights of Christ." Later on in the Iberian peninsula the knights fended off the Moors. Revived by Pope John XXII, the Templars in Aragon became *The Order of Monesta*

and fended off Moors of southern Spain. Other fugitive knights joined the already existing orders of *Calatrava* in Toledo and *Alcantara* in Leon. Explorers like Henry the Navigator, Christopher Columbus and Vasco de Gamma could have secretly been Templars under the new orders. This explains where the Templar fleet disappeared to. Other countries such as Sicily and Malta, welcomed the Templars to fight off the Muslims as they had done in the Holy Land.

Another place the fugitive knights may have gone was the uninhabited Alps. Many of the modern Swiss banking principles are based on Templar methods, namely conducting business in secret. If the "Poor Knights of Jesus Christ" had a treasure, it was most likely transformed into the Swiss Banking system. Notice the flag of Switzerland (white cross on red background) is a reverse of the Templar flag (red cross on white background). This could be the "state" the Templars ended up establishing. When the Austrians invaded Switzerland at the Gothard pass, the local farmers became seasoned soldiers overnight and kept the Austrians out. There are very few (though there are some) official records to prove the above information, however the Templars do fill in the historical gaps. Those few records include Papal and Royal letters to confirm Templar revivals. However modern Templar orders, such as the Masonic rite, are not direct descendants of the original "Poor Knights of Jesus Christ." When coming across any evidence, do not simply take it at face value. If it asks more questions than the inquisition than its probably as false as the accusations. However if a theory explains something that was long pondered than it is probably true.

Walsh, Michael. *Warriors of the Lord : Military Orders of Christendom*. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. Grand Rapids: 2003.

Robinson, John. *Dungeon, Fire and Sword: The Knights Templar*. Barnes and Noble Books. New York: 1991.

# Seawinds Defender

December 1-3, 2006

Duval County Park Benavides, Texas



## Tournament!

Let it be knowne across the land : the time of trying the souls of the valiant is at hand! Come forth and prove thy gallantry!

Compete in as many contests as ye doth so desire! Or bare witness unto them all, one after another, from a single gallery. Enjoy a complimentary feast throughout the entirety of the day as fine foods and drink are served unto the gallery, and even unto the contestant's pavilion. Secondary lyst fields shall be provided for casual (non-tournament) combating in the four martial categories. Participants are asked to pre-register for their competitions with a formal letter of intent. All are encouraged to be represented by their own personal herald.

## Tournament Lysts

Chivalric Defender	Rapier Defender
Equestrian Defender	Archery Defender

## Non Martial Contests

Arts and Science Bardic and Heralding judged by populace

## Further Interest

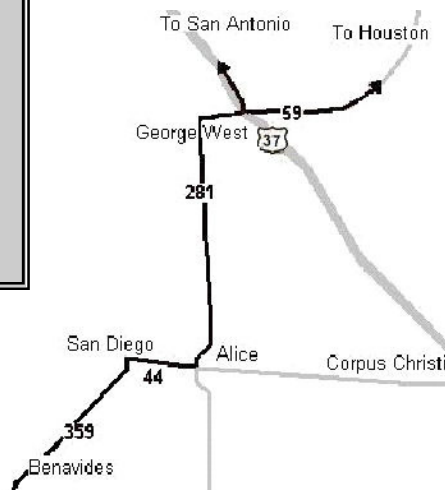
Friday Night Hospitality Table  
Friday and Saturday Night Revelry

Merchants welcome  
Youth Boffer

### Directions to Duval County Park:

Take your best route to George West.  
Take 281 south to Alice approx. 40mi.  
Exit 359/ 44 W to San Diego approx. 7mi.  
Turn left on to 359 to Benavides approx. 17mi.  
Continue on 359 approx. 5mi past Benavides.  
The site is on the right hand side of the road past a small rest area. Look for signs.

Site opens 5 pm on Friday;  
(Closes at 12 noon Sunday)  
-Flush privies & hot showers  
-Above ground fires permitted  
-Alcohol in period containers only



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### **All Day Tournament Feast**

#### **Break the Fast Course**

Frumenty with Milk and Honey (Porridge)  
Bread with Butter and Jam  
Pork Sausage  
Boiled Eggs  
Coffee and Orange Juice

#### **Midday Tournament Course**

Carved Ham and Beef Sausage  
Cheddar Cheese  
Bread with Lombard Mustard  
Fried Fig Pasties  
Tea

#### **Late Day Tournament Course**

Fresh Fruit  
Assorted Pickles and Olives  
Cheese Wafers  
Meat Pasties  
Ember Day Tarts  
Lemonade

#### **Evening Court Courses**

##### **Course of Board**

Onion and Leek Sops  
Bread with Honey Butter  
Mock Mead

##### **Course of Pinnacle**

Braised Beef with Cameline Sauce  
Roasted Chyckens with Orange Rosewater Sauce  
Blancmange of Shellfyshe (Shrimp and Rice)  
Roasted Root Vegetables (Carrots, Parsnips, and Turnips)  
Buttered Worts (Various Greens)  
Spiced Apple Cider

##### **Course of Departure**

Pears in Confection  
Baked Rice Pudding Stuffed Apples  
Mock Xpocras (Spiced Dessert Wine)

**Feast Stewards:** Lady Apollonia de Avena & Lady Caitriona inghean Mhic Lochlainn  
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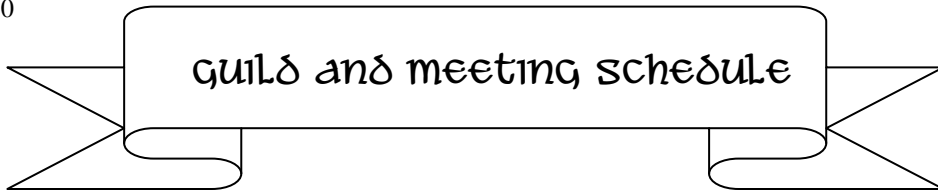
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### **Fees and Regulations**

**Site (includes all-day feast):** \$15 adult; \$8 under 12 yrs; family max \$45

**\*\*\*\*Make checks payable to: SCA Inc/Shire of Seawinds\*\*\*\***

Minors must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian. They may also attend with a  $\geq 21$  year old adult with a signed and notarized *Minor Event Waiver* from the parents.

**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 second Wednesdays and Fourth Thursdays at Hilltop Community Center in Callalen. Once a month, there will be an all-day gathering. Contact Joann the Spinner: [davenjo@davlin.net](mailto:davenjo@davlin.net)

**Equestrian Guild:**

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**Middle Eastern Dancing and Drumming Guild:**

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**Herbal and Cooking Guild:**

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# THE STELLAR KINGDOM OF ANSTEORRA



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## November 2006 (A.S. XLI)

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**Battle of Three Kings - Rosenfeld (Tyler, TX)**



[A Day in Ireland](#) - Trelac (San Angelo, Tx)  
Demonstration (4th and 5th): Austin Celtic Festival (If Interested, Contact [Liaison](#))

10-12



[Defenders of the Rose](#) - Shadowlands and Emerald Keep (College Station and Waco, Tx)  
Fair of the Harvest - Chemin Noir (Bartlesville, OK)

17-19



[Bordermarch Autumn Melees](#) (16th-20th)  
- Bordermarch (Beaumont, Tx) \*PED\*

24-26

**Out of Kingdom: [Knowne World Costuming Symposium \(24th - 28th\) - Northshield](#)**

## December 2006 (A.S. XLI)

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**Seawinds Defender - Seawinds (Corpus Christi, Tx)**

**Unofficial Event:** Dragonsfire Tor Yule Revel -  
Dragonsfire Tor (Stephensville, Tx)

8-11



Stargate Yule - Stargate (Houston, Tx)  
Winterkingdom - Northkeep (Tulsa, Ok)

15-17

Wiesenfeur Yule Revel - Wiesenfeur (Oklahoma City, Ok)  
Yule Revel - Ffynnon Gath and Bjornsborg (San Marcos, Tx)

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