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YULE FEAST

The College of Cranehaven is hosting its Annual Medieval Yule Potluck on Saturday, December 15, at the Sunnyslope Church, 3330 School Street, Wenatchee.

The Potluck Feast will start at



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6 pm and go till 8 pm. There will be a small silent auction at the event, and the event costs nothing: just bring some food. For SCA members, please bring your own feastware, visi-

tors will be given utensils and plates. There will be a selection of medieval clothes for guests to wear if you wish to dress up. There will also be information about the SCA, and the upcoming Wenatchee Renaissance Faire in April.

This is a medieval feast, so the place will be decorated accordingly. We encourage any and all people to come who



wish to come. It should be a fantastic event.

Please contact the feast-ocrat Matthew Harrison, at matthrrsn@aol.com, or phone 509 669 0202. Let him know how many people you are going to bring, and what dish you plan to serve.

Feast Starts at 6pm. Food Assignments by modern last

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NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

welcome & introductions

Lady Jessica called for introductions. Those present included: Seneschal Lady Jessica, Exchequer HL Katsu, Doña Amber, Lady Krista, LEO Leia, Chronicler Lord Matt, A&S Minister Wade, HL Sherae, Andy, and Kesimir, recently relocated from the Shire of Dregate

OFFICER'S REPORTS

A&S

Wade reported that that, while no major activities have occurred, he has been working on forms to shape armor.

EXCHEQUER

Upon presentation of the cashbox and reports from the Equinox, HL Katsu pronounced that we have money. The event made a whopping \$23!

CHATELAINE

Lord Matt displayed a map of An Tir that he has been developing. He has contacted quite a few branches around the Kingdom!

CHRONICLER

HL Julia announced a new standing article – interviews with branch members. She's starting out at the top with Lady Jessica and will call on everyone in turn. She passed out a few copies of the interview form to get people thinking.

Julia announced that, as of December 1, she will step up as Kingdom Media Officer (a deputy of the Kingdom Seneschal). She is looking forward to acting as a resource to all branches.

OLD BUSINESS

The Equinox was discussed. It was a great (if chilly) event, though there were some that had to cancel at the last minute. Lady Jessica is now a senior marshal, and as soon as LEO Leia sends in her paperwork, she'll be one too. Tear down of the field will be "soon," she reported. There was much discussion about moving the date of the event, but September is packed with events, and there are several Inlands events earlier in October. After much discussion, consensus was to keep the event on the third weekend of October.

NEW BUSINESS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lady Jessica distributed a very comprehensive schedule of events going far into the next year and asked for a show of hands of who was going to 12th Night. Dona Amber, HL Katsu, and HL Julia will be going. There was some discussion about the Museum's Multicultural Day, which is occurring the same weekend. The Museum's staff has been laid off, and Lord Matt hasn't heard much about the event yet.

ITHRA

Several ideas for classes have been submitted including:

- * Garb-making
- * Armor-making
- * Food
- * SCA History/Intro to the SCA
- * SCA Etiquette
- * Persona Development
- * Heraldry

After some discussion on whether to make it a formal Ithra, tentative plans are to have at least one class per month. Julia volunteered to



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teach persona development, and is willing to do it the afternoon of Yule.

There was much discussion of the Sergeantry program and what it can do to boost knowledge of the SCA. Julia promised to publish an article written by Baron Gerhard Kendal on how the Sergeantry program was established.

YULE POTLUCK

The Yule potluck is set for Saturday, 15 December at Sunnyslope Church, 3330 School Street. Julia will teach a class on Persona Development from 4-5:30, potluck feast at 6 PM. The site is DRY. Bring your own non-alcoholic drinkables and a dish to feed ten on the following modern last name schedule:

A-K	Entrée
L-R	Side Dish
S-Z	Dessert

A donations jar will be set out to help with the site rental fee. There was some discussion on holding a silent auction.

OPEN DISCUSSION

RECENTLY ATTENDED EVENTS

Several attended the Shire of Ambergard Harvest Feast, which was nice, though small. Several nice prizes were given out during the course of the meal. Julia reported that the Shire has far fewer people than our own branch and may

drop the Harvest Feast to concentrate on Oasis War. She recommended that branch members reach out and volunteer to help Ambergard, pointing out the benefits in developing relationships with Inlands branches.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18.

Submitted by Julia Sempronia, Chronicler



A SIEGE OF CRANES



This month we're kicking off a new feature, designed to help the populace get to know each other a little better. The title refers to a grouping of Cranes, and is quite fitting!

Want your sixty seconds of fame? Contact the Chronicler for an interview form.

When did you join the SCA and what was your first event?

I joined in 2009. My Official SCA Event was the [Shire of Dregate] Red Lantern Feast.

What attracted you to the SCA?

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What keeps you coming back?

I keep coming back because of all the wonderful people I have met and all the wonderful things I am learning. Also, did I mention horses? Fighting from horseback...

If you have chosen one, what can you tell us about your persona? country of origin, time period, etc)

So far, the only thing about my persona is I am from Scotland I think. I have been taken under Sir Edward [Ean Anderson]'s wing and I am his daughter. So I am learning more about his persona and his time period. He started in Scotland, so that is where I will be from.

In the real world, do you have a family (Spouse, kids, etc) and if so do they participate in the SCA?

If not, what do they think about your hobby? I have a husband that does not really participate in the SCA. He totally supports my habit/hobby/addiction. I am a lucky person.

What is your favourite SCA activity or pastime?

Have I mention horses yet? I love feasting and classes. I enjoy watching tournaments and the social time after. Sitting around an encampment fire visiting with others and having random bardic performances.

Is this what other SCA members know you for, or is there something else?

I think everyone so far knows me for being part of the SCA Horse Activities.

Are there historical skills and/or abilities you wish you could do in the SCA?

Garb making, cooking, plate and leather armor making for horse and human, archery, heraldry.

What is your proudest/happiest/most memorable SCA moment?

Proudest and happiest moment was when I found out Duchess Miranda was coming to my Equinox event. I had Royalty and Kingdom horse Champion come to my humble event! I was so excited and nervous I couldn't sleep! Another moment was my award of arms. I was not expecting that at all.

Is there anything people would be surprised to learn about you or something else you think people might want to know about you (SCA or real world)?

I think the only thing that would be surprising about me is that I really can do things not from a horse's back!



Lady Jessica on her wedding day (used with permission)

She received her award of arms at the Feast of Red Lanterns, 5 February, AS XLV, from the hands of Their Majesties Skeggi and Taisiia.



HISTORY OF THE AN TIR SERGEANTRY

Following is the text of a small dissertation by the late, illustrious, Baron Gerhard Kendall of the Barony of Lionsgate. He describes the founding of the An Tir Sergeantry program and describes many features in use at baronial sergeantry trials throughout the Kingdom of An Tir.

The Sergeantry program initially focused on heavy fighters: who were on a path to the Chivalry. Later, it was expanded to include rapier fighters, archers, and non-combatants — equestrians, artists and those individuals who have given sustained service to the SCA.

Some 18 years ago, when An Tir was a Principality of the Kingdom of the West, this was a wild and savage land. Peers were few, and in fact, there were but two Knights in the northern part of the Principality: Sir Edward Zifran and Sir Elrond Blacksabre.

These Knights had travelled much, and had made the thousand mile journey to the Principality of the Mists at the centre of the West Kingdom. And for their fighting prowess, they were knighted.

I note “for their fighting prowess”, because their abilities in the other facets of knighthood (such as games, dancing, heraldry, enter-



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tainments, chivalry, etc.) were probably taken on faith by the Chivalry and the Crowns of the West Kingdom. After all, how many of the West had travelled to An Tir and had stayed long enough to see these other, non-fighting skills demonstrated?

This was considered to be a problem by Sir Theodolf of Borogrove and Mistress Anne of Caerdydd, Baron and Baroness of Madrone, and by Baroness Amanda Kendal of Westmoreland, Baroness Lions Gate and myself.

How could we in the north ensure that, when a good fighter from the Principality journeyed to the centre of the Kingdom, that he would be proven in the non-fighting aspects of chivalry, to the satisfaction of those who would recommend his knighting to the Crowns of the West?

After much discussion, the four of us, with advice from many others, both in our respective Baronies and outside, came up with the rank of Sergeant.

We decided that each candidate would have to submit a request to a Baroness to enter the tournament (or trials as they are called today) and be judged by experts in each field. The passing “grade” would ensure the candidate would have to be a dependable middling or better fighter, but would have to be much better at each of the other, non-fighting skills, than what the requirements for Knighthood demanded.

This way, when a Sergeant from An Tir was being discussed by the Chivalry of the West, they would only have to be concerned with that person’s fighting prowess. The fact that he or she was a Sergeant would ensure that all the other requirements had been met and

then some. There would be no question that the prospective knight had all the other graces.

The first trials were held at a tournament at Black Fens, the home of the late Master Michael the Black and Mistress Stevanna of Houghton (co-founders of the University of Ithra).

There were three candidates from Madrone and three from Lions Gate. At the end of the day, one Sergeant was created, the gentleman now known as Duke Thorin Njalson. He received, in token of his rank, a brown belt with a special buckle.

The next year, there were more candidates, and three from Lions Gate achieved the rank: Gerhard Kendal, Scellanus of Skye and Morgan of Aberystwyth.

Now, many years after that first tourney, there have been some 53 Sergeants of Lions Gate. [*As of this writing, there are currently 68 Sergeants — Ed.*]

After a number of years of Sergeant Tournaments, it was felt that there should be an equivalent rank for archers, and thus the rank of Yeoman was created. There are a dozen Yeomen of Lions Gate.

Most recently, the rank of Gallant (accent on the second syllable) was created for the rapier fighters, and the first Gallant of Lions Gate was created last year.

The rank of Sergeant has spread from the original two Baronies to all the Baronies of An Tir and to some other Kingdoms.

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who travelled north one year to test for (and receive) the rank.

HOW IT WORKS

Sergeant, Yeoman and Gallant are not honours, they are ranks. This means that they are not given as an award by someone for past work done. Instead, there are a set of tests. If you pass all the tests, you receive the rank. If you do not pass one of the tests, you do not receive the rank. At least, that is the way we do it here in Lions Gate. Other Baronies have some variations to that, but our preference has been to keep the rank as simple and as “pure” as possible.

We do all the trials in one event, a two day camping weekend. The candidates present their petitions by the last day of the An Tir/West War (July 4th weekend), and Trials are usually held two weeks after the Clinton War, in mid-August.

At the Trials, the candidates are called up at first court with their helmets and shields, so that all who are there will know them and will observe them. When court is over, the testing begins, with the candidates inspecting armour of all types (including Sergeant candidates checking light armour and Yeoman/Gallant candidates checking heavy armour). With armour inspection over, the fighting begins.

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This is a challenge type event, to ensure that the candidates will have the opportunity to use all the required Combat styles.

While the Sergeant candidates fight, the Yeomen/Gallant candidates are off being tested in one of the other areas of expertise. In some cases, this is a field course or the target range for the Yeomen candidates, while the Gallant candidates might be testing in games of military sciences, heraldry or games.

Once fighting is over, and as supertime approaches, all the candidates and as many others as wish take part in dancing, and all the candidates are tested in this skill.

Later around the bardic fire, the candidates are tested in the entertainment skills, with songs, storytelling or whatever.

On the second day all those present (except the candidates) get together to discuss the chivalry and courtesy of each candidate. Generally there are two separate groups, male and female, and the candidates are exhaustively discussed.

As well, the Sergeants and mem-

bers of the Chivalry who are present get together and discuss the candidates' fighting abilities.

The testers in each of the areas report to the Baron or Baroness, who are the only ones who know how each candidate is doing. At the end of the trials, we go to each candidate individually and tell them whether they have passed or not.

Our attitude is very strongly that a person doesn't "fail" to become a Sergeant, Yeoman or Gallant. Rather, they simply don't pass. Not passing Sergeants is not an indication of failure, it is instead an encouragement to work harder and try again next year. A number of our Sergeants, Yeomen and Gallants have not passed on their first or even second attempt. We have encouraged them to try again next year. During our private discussions, we tell them what parts of the tests they did not pass, and why, so they know what to work on for next year. The "pass" rate is about 65%.

Each year, by the way, is a complete re-trial in all aspects of the ranks. There are no carry-overs of tests from the previous year, except that the application does not have to be re-done. Some of the candidates do choose to do a new application each year.

At final court, each successful candidate swears fealty to the Barony of Lions Gate through the Baroness. It is through her, rather than through the Baron, because way back at the beginning, we felt that each fighter of every degree within a Barony was already part of the "Baron's army," and so the Baroness should have an army of her own. It also adds a very nice and genteel touch to the proceedings and the rank.

The Sergeants, Yeomen and Gallants of Lions Gate do not retest. They have achieved their rank, and thus own it until they choose to give it up, or, in the case of Sergeants, are knighted, at which time they must resign the rank.

TOKENS OF THE RANKS

Sergeants of Lions Gate receive a wide dark brown leather belt with a Lion's Head buckle. If the time comes to turn in their belt, they are encouraged to mark it with their name, device and date.

Yeomen receive a brown bracer with white and black edging, and with the black and white counter-changed badge of the Barony painted on it.

Gallants receive a single decorative black leather gauntlet with the badge of the Barony on it.

PRIVILEGES

There are a few privileges that come with being a Sergeant, Yeoman or Gallant of Lions Gate:

- Helping the Baroness put up her pavilion when she asks for some help.
- Advising the Baron and Baroness on possible changes to the rank
- Organizing or assisting in the organization of the Trials, usually the next year after you receive the rank
- Escorting the Baroness during her Sunday morning stroll from the old castle site to the new castle at the Clinton War (probably the best battle of them all!) and to defend the castle (with the Baroness inside) against the bandits in a second battle. Being asked,

Since the Sergeantry Program began, hundreds of nobles have entered the rolls throughout the Kingdom. Many have gone on to "emeritus" status as they ascend to the highest rank in their order.

Following are the numbers of current sergeantry:

Sergeants	319
Gallants	70
Courtiers	76
Artisans	
(used in the Baronies of Vulfanfeldt and Wastekeep)	6
Lancers	11
Stewards	
(Barony of Wastekeep)	3
Yeomen	70

on short notice to command the various aspects of the Baroness's defense. Sergeants, Yeomen and Gallants of Lions Gate are assumed to be ever ready, whether to command or to perform a gra-

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The first noble to earn the rank of Sergeant was Thorin Njalsson in the Barony of Madrone on 16 July, AS XII (1977).

He went on to earn his Knight's belt in the Kingdom of the West by on June 25, AS XIII (1978).

His Grace holds the record for the number of times he has reigned as An Tir's King at seven, and is one of the most honoured and illustrious nobles in An Tir.



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ATTITUDES

Most who hold these ranks take them very seriously. This shows in a number of ways, but one manifestation is that when I was a Sergeant and was Knighted (and therefore had to give up my Sergeant's belt and rank) I went back and tested and became a Yeoman so I could continue to be part of this group.

Sergeants are a very personal part of the Barony, even though they may be from a Shire or another Barony far away. While An Tir now has many Knights, and the original intent of the rank has diminished somewhat, the rank

has created its own cachet.

In Lions Gate, the commander of the Army of Lions Gate has been for many years, a Sergeant. The reasons are two-fold: first, Sergeants are proven organizers, for better or for worse; and they find that organizing and leading an army falls relatively easily to hand. Secondly, this frees up the Knight that one would normally expect to lead an army, so that the Knight can do what he does best: kill.

In history, the role of Sergeant was the organizer of the forces of a castle, the trainer of militia and often the leader of one of the battles that made up the English army. This same tradition is carried

on today by the Sergeants of Lions Gate.

Sir Gerhard Kendal of Westmoreland

Baron Lions Gate

Yeoman of Lions Gate



Sergeantry Regalia

Once a gentle has successfully tested for a branch of the Sergeantry, he or she is entitled to bear and display the regalia of his or her position.

This regalia varies from barony to barony, but often can include a belt with a buckle, scarf, medallion, or bracer bearing the arms of the barony.

WASTEKEEP YULE

Those Cranehaven Gentles thoroughly interested in Sergeantry Trials may witness some of the final ordeals of the Barony of Wastekeep candidates at their Yule Feast, on January 19, 2013 at the Masonic Lodge of Kennewick — 601 W. 6th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336.

Candidates of Wastekeep entered the first round of Trials at the combined Vulkanfeldt-Wastekeep trials last August.

In the absence of the Baron and Baroness, final trials, including dance, bardic, and Court of Love, are set for

Yule, and successful candidates will be announced at court.

Feast is potluck, with the Barony providing main dishes. Bring a feast contribution to feed eight as follows by modern Last Name:

- A-H: Cheese and Fruit
- I-L: Bread and Pastry
- M-S: Dessert
- T-Z: Side/Veggie Dishes

Site Fee: In accordance with Wastekeep tradition, they will collect donations for the Union Gospel Mission in lieu of fee. Please see

www.tcuigm.org/needs for a current list of items they need. For more information, contact Event Steward: HL Luaithrenn the Falconer's Wife, mka Laurie Magan.

(509) 492-7628, ganlaw@wildblue.net (no calls after 8pm).

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name:

- A-K: Main Dish to feed 10 people
- L-R: Side Dish to feed 10 people
- S-Z: Dessert to feed 10

people.

Remember, some people may have food allergies, so please list the ingredients of the dish on a piece of paper -- or the recipe itself, if you can.



🌸 UPCOMING EVENTS 🌸

DECEMBER

1 **Yule Feast & Champions' Tourney**
Barony of Vulkanfeldt

? **Yule Potluck**
College of Cranehaven

JANUARY

12-13 **12th Night**
Barony of Three Mountains

19 **Yule Feast**
Barony of Wastekeep

21 **Branch Meeting**
College of Cranehaven

25-27 **Ursulmas**
Barony of Aquaterra

FEBRUARY

18 **Branch Meeting**
College of Cranehaven

MARCH

1-3 **Kingdom Arts & Sciences/ Bardic Competition**
Barony of Blatha an Oir

9 **Oasis War**
Shire of Ambergard

18 **Branch Meeting**
College of Cranehaven

21-31 **West Coast Culinary Symposium**
Barony of Dragon's Mist

APRIL

6-7 **Spring Ithra**
Barony of Glymme Mere

12-14 **Hopping Phules- Baroness' War**
Barony of Vulkanfeldt

15 **Branch Meeting**
College of Cranehaven

19-21 **6th Annual Wenatchee Renaissance Faire**

25 **Art of War**
Barony of Aquaterra

MAY

3-5 **Mayfaire**
Barony of Glymme Mere

17-19 **May Crown**
Barony of Vulkanfeldt

20 **Branch Meeting**
College of Cranehaven

31-02 **Junefaire**
Barony of Dragonslaire

JUNE

17 **Branch Meeting**
College of Cranehaven

14-16 **Springfest**
Barony of Wastekeep

21 **Iron & Ink**
Shire of Ambergard

See the Kingdom Calendar for details on these and other events:

<http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/>