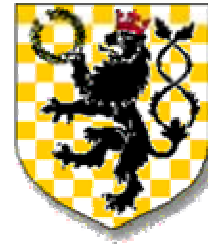
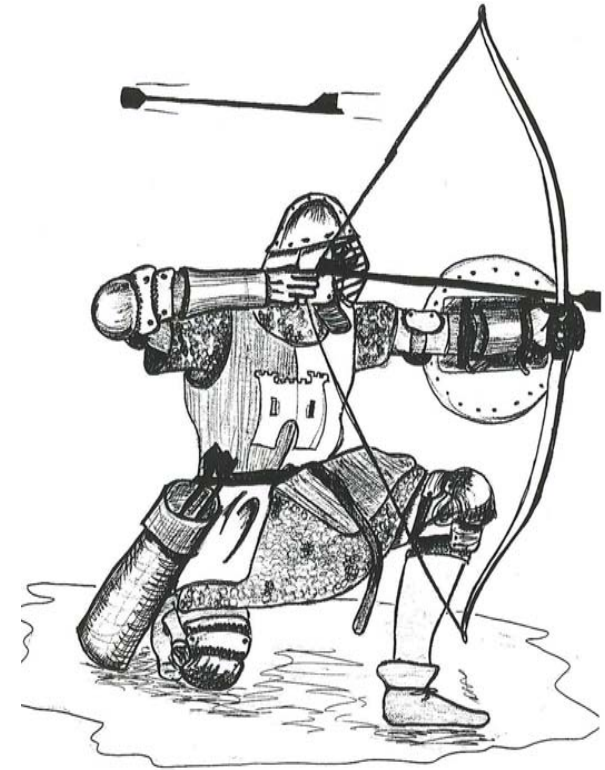
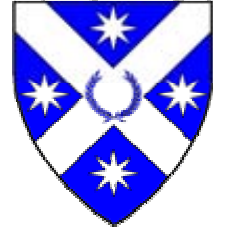




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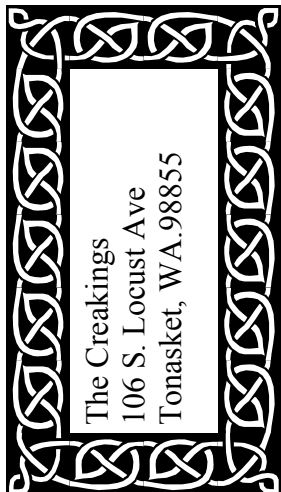


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From the Seneschal

We are getting ever closer to the Red Lantern and no casualties as of yet. It is nice to see the shire pull together and nicer to see that Royalty shall finally experience a true feast as only Lady Dubheasa and The Mighty Shire of Dregate can create. I look forward to this weekend and want to thank Lady Melissa for all of her hard work as Autocrat.

In case you haven't heard, Squire Ulfgar has been placed on vigil for Knighthood. When you see him make sure to give him a good buffet! Well.. maybe just a big huzzah would be better. May he have excellent luck in all future endeavors.

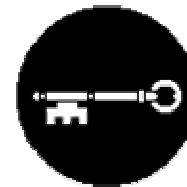
I have not heard any new news from the incipient Shire of Grimwith as of late. I am sure there is more plotting going on. I have positive confirmation His Royal Majesty Skeggi will be there. Unfortunately I do not know who he is fighting for. I hope it is us!

I have decided that I will try to send out one of my Email missives every Wednesday instead of all over the week like I am now. If you are not yet getting them and want to, let me know at webmaster@dregate.org <<mailto:webmaster@dregate.org>> . Also write me there if you wish to stop receiving the darn things.

I hope you are all enjoying the spring weather and I look forward to seeing you all on the field soon.

In Service
His Lordship Cerdic Stuart
Cadet to Herr Lyall Von Fuchs

Seneschal Dregate



AURTHURIAN GAMES

Join us for a weekend of Medieval Mayhem and Merriment with Battles and Bravery, Games and Quests. There will be a five-man war unit competition, a great weapon tourney, a torchlight bear-pit and the soon to be famous face-the-dragon competition. A Sunday morning war will round off the activities – if you have anything left. The Games are Heavy oriented with no archery or rapier, but all are welcome.

Autocrats: Hengest and Rhonwen, 3505 – 17th Street Vernon BC V1T 3Z2 (Mike Hamm and Kathy Willcox) 250-503-7902 hengestandrhonwen@yahoo.ca

Site opens 6:00pm on Friday and closes 5:00 pm Sunday. Site Fee: \$12 Cdn/\$10 US for adult members, under 15, \$5 Cdn/US, under 4 are free. (plus NMS for adult non-members). Merchants are welcome. The site is "wet" but bring your own drinking water. Some level spots and some trees. Children should be supervised - there is a creek on the property. There are stores in Lumby (27 km south) and Ashton Creek (about 16 km north). There will be one resident dog.

Site info: The address is 2322 Trinity Valley Road, Lumby BC, 27km north of Lumby on Trinity Valley Road. Head east from Vernon on Hwy 6, turn left at the four way stop in Lumby, go approx 4.5 km on the Mabel Lake Road then left at the little green sign that says Enderby 51. Follow the road into the hills until you have gone 27 km from the four way stop.

Cerdic Stuart was absent and Oso ran the meeting in his stead.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Ihon~ Marshal, reports that heavy practices are occurring weekly in Tonasket at the dojo, but as weather warms there will be alternative southern location practices. He suggested that if Killian would be willing to teach marshalling to fighters and non fighters alike, it would be beneficial to all.

He also suggested that an iron key repair night is in order, and one was put on the calendar later in the meeting.

Killian~ Herald, suggests that we make a final effort to put something together for the Domes day book as the deadline may have been pushed back. A date was put on the calendar later in the meeting.

Melissa~ Chatelaine, had a flier about a spring faire that Teagan had given her, April 30-May 1st, but as it conflicts with the equestrian championship it was decided to forgo attending. She will be getting accurate dates on this year's upcoming parades so we can put them on our calendar.

Seamus~ Whalebone/Boffing marshal, would like to gather the equipment and begin regular practices.

Sean~ Archery officer, is working with Conuil to set up practices that accommodate Royal Rounds so scores can be sent into Kingdom. Date was put on calendar later in the meeting.

Brona~ Exchequer, we have around \$2000 in the bank, with Red Lantern expense and income not yet factored in. Cranehaven has around \$700 in their account. If all officers spend their budgets and we don't make more money on fund raisers this year, we will spend down this account, so people are urged to consider fund raisers, and bids on Principality /Crown events.

Oso~ Chronicler, woefully announced that the Creakings did not get published due to preparations for Red Lantern, but will be coming out this coming week. She reported a good response from many members willing to receive Creakings by email, which would be a big cost savings over the year.

Oso~ for the equestrian officer Leona, reported that the equestrians will be doing a non-official demo on March 13th, details to come email, for anyone with any interest in equestrian or ground crew activities. An Tir rules still being reworked, but Society rules stand for use presently.

EVENTS

Red Lantern

Oso began the discussion with thanks to Melissa and Dubheasa for autocrating and feastocrating the event. The idea for decorating the hall like a ger was fabulous, by far the best décor to date.

3 Melissa thanked the individuals who were especially helpful preparing for the event, and reminded all that an event is not done solely by the autocrat and this event was a good example. We got the impression that Their Majesties had a good time, and we appreciated them taking time to visit us.

War in the Oasis

Shire of Ambergard (Grant County, WA)

March 12, 2005

The snows melt, clearing the path once more for war. The trumpets resound, Your King the Great Warrior Skeggi calls you, the warriors of An Tir, to arms for the Kingdom's first war of the year. As well as to the tavern for a well-deserved drink and warm food after a hard day upon the battle field.

Their Majesties King Skeggi and his beautiful Queen Taisiia invite you to attend their royal court.

Event Info: War site gate opens at 10:30 AM.

Site fee (includes food) is \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 15, with a \$3 non-member surcharge in effect.

Food will also be provided to fighters at the war site for those who are unable to attend the tavern.

At the tavern, we are looking for vagabond bards and minstrels to share their tales and songs. There have also been rumors of a rapier tournament by insult. The tavern opens at 3:00, and closes at Midnight. Merchants are most welcome. We offer a covered shelter at the war site, with tables. We also have tables available at the tavern.

Merchants and crash space/motel information can be obtained by contacting Mistress Olivia Visconti (Bambi Libby) (509) 754-7155 or at

BambiandJay@msn.com.

Directions to the sites: War site is at Oasis Park, 2541 Basin St. SW. Take your best route to Ephrata. The park is located at the southwest edge of town on Hwy 28.

Watch for the SCA signs. The tavern will again be held at the Ephrata Recreation Center (ERC) in the center of town at 112 Basin Street SW.

Autocrats: HL Jay de Lille (Jay Runnion), (509) 754-7155,

BambiandJay@msn.com.

Ambergard is having its yearly silent auction at War in the Oasis. We are donating the proceeds to the Raven Travel Fund this year. Their Royal Majesties have asked that we contribute to this fund and not the Royal Travel Fund. They had to use a good chunk to attend Estrella War this last February. They would like as much of the fund replaced as possible so that the next monarchs may attend Pennsic this year. FYI: The Royal Travel Fund is for traveling around the Kingdom to events and the Raven Travel Fund is for travel outside of the Kingdom. We would like to make this a successful auction. If you have anything that you would like to donate to the cause please let me know by this Sunday, March 6th. Send a picture or a good description of the item to me so that we may be prepared for the event. Also make sure that I have your full name and information so that everyone knows of your generosity. Please pass the word along to anyone who you think may be able to donate to this worthy cause. If you are local please bring me the item by this Sunday so that we can get a picture of it. This is a wonderful way to serve your Monarchs and your Kingdom. Items will be collected from those of you traveling to the event as early as possible so that we may set things up for the tavern.

Thank you all a head of time, I know that you will all do what you can to help in this worthy cause. We look forward to seeing you all at the War. Remember to bring lots of money with you.

Forever in joyful service to Crown and Kingdom,
Mistress Olivia Visconti

THE ROLL OF SAINT AMBROSE

The Shire of Danescombe invites one and all to the first annual opening of the Roll of Saint Ambrose. This event is all about persona development.

Site opens at 4 PM on Friday, May 6, 2005 and closes at 3 PM on Sunday, May 8, 2005. From Saturday morning until Roll presentation on Sunday, Saint Ambrose Candidates are expected to remain in persona, and will be subject to judging during that time. All other attendees are asked to respect the candidates and do their utmost to enable them to maintain their period personas. The best way to do this is to try and remain in persona yourself!

The Republic

The setting for the Roll of Saint Ambrose is the small Republic of Quattrosan, located just on the outskirts of the shire of Danescombe. The Republic of Quattrosan is composed mostly of farmland and small towns tucked in the rolling hill country. It is a popular stopover for world-weary travellers who enjoy its dry climate, excellent wines, and peaceful vistas. Visitors to the republic can set up their encampments amidst the high mountain pine forest. Guests of the republic can take their meals at Saint Gentine's Table for the entire weekend and while away the evenings in the Inn of Saint George.

Inn of Saint George & Saint Gentine's Table

On Saturday evening, from the dinner hour onward, the Inn of Saint George will be open to all. There will be a cash bar and Saint Gentine's Table will be providing simple period meals and snacks. Both the food and spirits will have very modest prices. The Inn of Saint George is considered "enchanted ground" and all participants are requested to remain in persona as best they can. During the early evening, Roll of Saint Ambrose Candidates will have the opportunity to fulfill their Bardic and Dance requirements.

Rapier

The Roll of Saint Ambrose is the Spring Muster for the Saint Sebastien Civic Guard, a group dedicated to recreating late period warfare. In addition to period drill, RBW target shoots, and other Rapier related activities, Danescombe's Rapier Defender's Tournament will take place this weekend.

Roll of Saint Ambrose

Applicants can find all information for the male persona competition through The event website: <http://tirrigh.org/danescombe/rosta/rosta.html>

Judging Coordinator: Sevrin de Savage (mka: Aaron D. McClelland) PO Box 706, Summerland, BC V0H 1Z0 - (250) 494-4144 - desavage@telus.net

Site Fees

Site fees: Adults \$12.00, Youth (7-15) \$7.00, Under 6 free. Family Cap of \$31.00. Day Fee: Adults: \$8.00, Youth (7-15) \$5.00, Under 6 free. Family Cap of \$21.00. Note: The \$4 NMS will be in effect and is not included in the Family Caps. Please make cheques payable to NSCA Shire of Danescombe.

Directions

Site Address: Summerland Rodeo Grounds, 18707 Bathville Road, Summerland BC V0H 1Z0 (more directions on website)

We discussed the areas that we felt needed improvement, serving food one item. It was decided that smalls should not be allowed to serve except for certain dishes, and first time gentles who have no idea what they should be doing could be encouraged to enjoy the event and offer service the next time.

Dubheasa talked about the grange kitchen being somewhat lacking for serving a feast of this size, stoves not entirely functional, no prep space and having to bring all of the cooking equipment needed. A feastcrating class was suggested for the whole shire, to give more people the idea of what it really takes to put on a feast of this size, including information about food planning, serving, etc.

Shire members are asked to keep an eye out for other locations that might also be suitable for a feast of this sort. We talked about gathering a shire owned set of cooking utensils, pots, etc, so that individuals don't have to borrow so much to do a feast.

Silent auction results, \$110 was made at the silent auction, and will go towards fabric for Dregate fighter tabards.

It was also noted that our new Bardic Champion is not a Dregate member, so it was unanimously decided to make her an honorary member at War on the Oasis, if she attends.

DREGATE REVEL

This years autocrat, Brona was present and reported that she has volunteers for gate, Dubheasa; Feastocrat, Rowan; Feast hall decorations, Ihon. More planning will occur at March business meeting. Anyone wishing to volunteer services, please contact her.

The March Calendar was set

March 4-6th, Kingdom Arts and Science Championship, Danescomb

Friday, March 4th, Iron Key and Armor repair night, Tonasket dojo 7-9 pm.

Saturday, March 5th, Fighters Practice, Riverside Park, 12 Noon

Tuesday, March 8th, Domesday boke meeting Cambells manor, Crumbacher, 7pm

Saturday, March 12th, War on the Oasis

Saturday, March 19th, Archery practice, Tonasket dojo, 12 noon

Sunday, March 20th, Monthly Business Meeting, Oroville City park, 1pm

Thursday, March 24th, Charter meeting Tonasket Pizza 7pm.

Other practices or dates may be set soon my officers not attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm

Minutes submitted by Oso

PLEASE NOTE: SOME CALENDAR DATES WERE CHANGED AFTER MINUTES WERE SUBMITTED TO SENESCHAL, PLEASE SEE CALENDAR.

Rapier Practice report

On February 12, I hosted a beginners rapier practice at the Tonasket Dojo. I had no takers but I have heard from several people that they wish to try this.

Please let me know a good day for most people and location as well. I am moderately flexible in my scheduling so let me know.

In Service

His Lordship Cerdic Stuart

Cadet to Herr Lyall Von Fuchs

Standing Rapier Marshal

From Domina Julilla Sempronina to HL Cerdic Stuart
and the best-beloved populace of Dregate, greetings!

I believe that it is high time to write and express the depth and breadth of my feelings (or die trying) for the wonderful time at the Feast of Red Lanterns this Saturday past. HL Dubheasa's feast was outstanding, and everyone in Cranehaven had full and very satisfied bellies by night's end.

What a delight to have been there at court to see HL Dubheasa, HL An Te Ruadh and your own deserving self receive such well-deserved recognition.

How satisfying and heart-warming to see Freya Thorsdottr, Brynna MacLean and Jeannette de Brittain receive the Order of the Lion's Cub!

Felicitations also to the new Lords and Ladies Leona, Broc Aillig, Brolus MacLean, Kenna Lockhart and the irrepressible Squire Lord Lachlan, who now shares our Royal Patron Viscount Sir Donnan with us.

Heartfelth thanks to the entire populace for all the shepherding and nurturing of our little Crane eggs over these three years – I suppose that our elevation to full branch status might be a felicitous occasion at any event, but to have it occur at Dregate makes it that much sweeter.

Finally, I am humbled – nay, flabbergasted! – to have been chosen as your Bardic champion, an honour that rightly should have gone to my dear Conuil, who made me laugh and weep and cheer. However undeserving I may be, I shall do everything within my power not to embarrass my beloved friends in this coming year.

With greatest affection and gratitude,
Domina Julilla Sempronina

CRANEHAVEN CORNER (CONT)

Our monthly meetings have become more productive and enjoyable than at any other time in our branches short history. All of our members pulled together to contribute to the court presentations and the scrolls that were produced for Their Majesties approval. Luckily, less than a month before Red Lantern, Cranehaven's name and device was approved!

Now, the real question is.....when do we go to war over land???? We have one heavy fighter, two archers, and three fencers. What do you think? mm, maybe we should join forces with you to fight against others such as Grimwithshire.

Yours in Service,

HL Amberley Sylvanus,

Seneschale of Cranehaven

Kingdom Arts and Science Championship Report

I had the opportunity to attend the competition for Kingdom Arts and Science Champion this last weekend in Danescombe. There were four contestants that entered and several other single entry competitors. I was asked to judge as one of the contestants entered Mongolian articles. Even more exciting, she made it into the finals and I was again allowed to judge for the finals.

The Kingdom takes this competition very seriously, competitors swear an oath just as Crown contenders do, and a great deal of research and work went into each entry there.

Some of the entries included a Falkirk Tartan, Flax Production, a 12th Century Spur, 16th Century Lace, a handmade Saxon Lyre, A Mongol Saddle Blanket, A Mongolian Culinary Sampler, A Silk Boot, Parchment from goat skin, Gilding on Woven Cloth, Ultramarine Pigment made from lapis. The new Kingdom Arts and Science Champion is Cinara beguy Urdina, who also received her Jambe de Lion at this event. She made the parchment and pigment, and did gold leaf on a banner she wove and dyed by hand. The work she went to was immeasurable and her title as An Tir Arts and Science Champion was well deserved.

At the event I saw many old friends from Tir Righ, and honorary Dregate members Nan Compton and Mags of Haphazard Manor. It was especially delightful to see Mags receive a Jambe de Lion from Their Majesties at Court Saturday night! Huzzah!

~Submitted by Oso~

We got other missives this month, Cerdic did pass them along on weekly emails but in case you missed them:

From Leona and Broc

Broc and I would like to thank everyone that felt we were deserving of the aoa that we got and to let you all know it does not change the way we will serve in any way we can.

Thank you

Lady Leona and Lord Broc

From His Majesty

We had an absolute blast in Dregate!! We were very happy to win September Crown because that meant going to tons of smaller events in outlying areas who never get to see the King and Queen. This is a HUGE deal to me! I'm not interested in visiting the same big places that ALWAYS sponsor the Crowns. It's nice too because we so far have actually felt more welcome and honored at the smaller events and areas. Most likely because the Crowns never visit them. Her Majesty told me that our Court there is the first time she has ever felt comfy in court. She even had time to take her own pictures of Amber's Protégé ceremony. We both felt very comfortable and totally enjoyed everyone there! I hope we continue to inspire everyone there and be worthy of their friendship.

Sincerely

Skeggi King An Tir

CRANEHAVEN CORNER

Greetings Dregate!!

Red Lantern was such a wonderful event and everyone from Cranehaven thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was a busy evening for us and the culmination of three years of struggling to sustain a functioning branch with such small numbers. When we were granted incipency at 12th Night three years ago, we had 17 paid SCA members in our branch who presented themselves to Their Majesties. Most of the members were college students who graduated and moved away the following Fall. At that point, we only had 6 members and it was very difficult to sustain. Cranehaven would not be where we are today without your support and we can't thank all of you enough for helping us to get to this point. With Dregate's support and guidance, our small Branch has grown and become a cohesive group that works very well together. (CONTINUED PAGE 10)

FROM THE RED LANTERN FEASTOCRAT

Greetings to the populace of Dregate. I wanted to acknowledge some people, forgive me if I've forgotten anyone. My brain is still in 'giggle and cry with wonder' mode at this time. To the Autocrat: THANK YOU Lady Mellisa MacCampbell, for all the hard work you did! We are a great team and had a great dream come true.

As the Feastocrat of Red Lantern, I would like to send a Thank you to Yoshi and Katsuhito and the other Drummers. I apologize that I was unable to witness the wonderful entertainment. I could hear it and what I heard was awesome. What a great way to open a Feast, THANK YOU ALL !!!

The next person I would like to thank is His Lordship Cerdic Stewart for being my Left Hand man He proved to be a very worthy side kick in the kitchen. No matter how many apricots we had to stuff, he was there.

Also I would like to thank Her Excellency, Baroness Meara for helping to do all the little time consuming stuff that I frankly did not have the time to do. Your Excellency, you can help me in a kitchen anytime. Thank you to Companion Oso for being the Tea Server (She asked when I said I would Feastocrat, if she would still be *allowed* to do that job? How could I take it away from her? She is always so good at it.)

Thank You also to Lady Rowan for stepping in when I needed her and also helping with the Servers. Thank Yous go to all the servers that helped. For some, this was their First Event and they stepped right in. That kind of Service is always helpful to a Feastocrat.

Now, to all of you who felt I was deserving of a Jambe de Lion : WOW!! What's really neat is I got an award for Cooking and perusing through recipes, which any of you know I LOVE TO DO. So please accept my most humble from the bottom of my heart gratitude for this wonderful award . I'm still going around in a Shocked and giggly state just ask my Husband.

I also would like to Thank Their Majesties for gracing Dregate with their awesome presence. You both have inspired and will continue to inspire many. Thank you .

Dregate, it took all of us to make this work! Feel very proud of what we accomplished.

HL Dubheasa Cumbiel

Calendar notes

Appledore Fighter

Practices-

Heavy and Rapier

Sundays at Skunk Hollow

2:30 to 5:30 and

Wednesdays 6-8pm

at Senora Center in

Osoyoos (beside Elem.

School) use fee \$3

Equestrian demo info will
be sent out in emails.

Contact Leona or Oso or
Kata for more info.

March

		1	2	3 Aiden Lockhearts day of birth	4	5 Gwendolyn's Day of Birth ONE YEAR OLD!!!
6	7	8	9	10	11 Get your Armor ready!	12 WAR on the Oasis
13	14	15 7pm Eric construction Meeting Campbell Manor	16	17	18 Fighter's Practice 7-9 pm Tonasket dojo	19 Spring gathering/ potluck Tonasket park 1pm Archery dojo
20 Equestrian meeting/ demo Noon Okanogan	21	22	23	24 Dregate Busi- ness Meeting 7 pm Tonasket Hometown Pizza	25 Fighter's Practice 7-9 pm Tonasket dojo	26
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