

THE HISTORY OF AN CROSAIRE

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THE BEGINNING OF TRIMARIS, EARLY HISTORY

Erich von Kampf, CWC along with a group of his friends started Wyvernwood in 1972 (AS VII). Except for a second group in Pensacola, called Sirenia, they were alone in Florida. At that time the Kingdom of the East claimed this area. Later that year the territory was given to Atenveldt. The members of Wyvernwood included Taliesynne, Sakura Tetsuo, Sakura Kimeneko, Broneslous Vilnuis and Sir Koppel funem Lachfalk.

The May '75 issue of Notus listed the groups that existed at that time in the Southeast, along with the Seneschals. Those groups were:

The Barony of South Downs, Atlanta GA, Lady Margarethe;

Barony of Draconia, Baton Rouge LA, Lord Jack Nimble;

Shire of Wyvernwood, Tampa FL, Aleana of Dunsae;

Shire of Iron Mountain, Birmingham AL, Ulric of Wolfhaven;

Shire of Thor's Mountain, Knoxville TN, Eric of Telemark;

(no group name), Rome GA, James of Rome;

Sirenia, Pensacola FL, Raymond Zaborski of Lech;

(no group name) Gainesville, Ga, Dale P. Hamilton (no SCA name);

Shire of Misty Mountains, Montevallo AL, Lady Laurallyn of the Swan;

Shire of Grey Niche, Memphis TN, Llewelyn ap Meriadudd of Gwynedd;

Shire of Nytha Dhui, Nashville TN, Susan of Stoke Hill;

Shire of Murfreesboro TN, Lord Ronald of Elrod

(No group name, but later to become Windmaster's Hill) Raleigh NC, Brian Maoleaoin.

In September 1975 it was decided that a new principality in the southeast needed to be formed. This created another change for the groups in Florida, for they were now part of the Principality of Meridies.

By 1976, Wyvernwood was an active, viable unit of the SCA, and was instrumental in the forming of three new shires in Florida (Oldenfeld, An Crosaire and Sangre del Sol). In that year, Wyvernwood was created a barony of the Imperium Societatus, with Lord Taliesynne Nycheymwrh as Founding Baron.

In March 1976 the Shire of An Crosaire (Gainesville) was officially founded

(Talewinds, Vol.1, no.9, September AS XVII). The idea for a new shire was developed in late 1975, sparked by the example of Wyvernwood and the move by Sir Tetsuo Sakura and Lady Kimineko Sakura. Aerdynne Wynnon (the first seneschal) and Dafydd Seren yr Draig along with the Sakuras, Gwynnedd ap Gwynnedd, Sieglinde von Truso and several others filed the necessary paperwork. With the efforts of her own members and the support of the Barony Wyvernwood, An Crosaire began to make her mark on the University of Florida with demonstrations, meetings, and assorted appearances at Madrigal Dinners, movies, and the like. This was a time of flowering when such notables

as Jed Silverstar, Siobhan ni Filidheacht, Cedrin Etainnighean, and Cher de Bellevue joined the shire under the Seneschallate of Lord Semus McCryu McHoo.

September 1976 issue of Notus listed the groups and seneschals for the Principality of Meridies:

Shire of An Crosaire, Gainesville FL, Aerdynne

Shire of Axemoor, New Orleans LA, James Wolfslaw

Barony of Draconia, Baton Rouge, LA, Elaine Darkenlight of Silver Sea

Shire of Sirenia, Pensacola, FL, Aarinson Ursai

Shire of Oldenfeld, Tallahassee, FL, Asdis Shadowdaughter

Shire of Wyvernwood, Tampa, FL, Alis d'Audincourt

Shire of Sangre del Sol, Boca Raton, FL. Ladomia Diaz de Valencia

Barony of South Downs, Atlanta GA, Lord William Coiquitt

Shire of Nytha d'Hui, Nashville TN, Gwyndolyn of Ashwood

Shire of Bryn Madoc, Athens, GA, Aedward the Saxon

Canton of Greenwood, Rome GA, James of Rome

Shire of Thor's Mountain, Knoxville TN, Karl the Wanderer

Sire of Grey Niche, Memphis TN, Andras Salamandra

An Crosaire Revel

In November, 1976 The Shire of An Crosaire held their first Revel

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An Crosaire's Arts Report for June 1977

From Sakura Kimineko-sama, to Lady Elysonne of Arrowood. The shire will be working on a Society banner for the shire, yellow cotton with a laurel wreath appliqué on in green. Gwennydd ap Gwennydd yr Arvon hath instituted a program wherein persons so desirous may impart the sound of their voices onto a sorcerers ribbon, and other persons desiring to learn may unroll this ribbon and hear, as it were, the very sound of the person singing. Daffyd Dragonstar composed a most lovely epic poem, which he hath sung at FMT II. Taka-no-Fuji Jutte-san, (Shamus McRyu McHoo) hath also an epic "The Daemon Sword" which he also performed at FMT II. Sakura Tetsuo-sama hath constructed a 16th century Japanese matchlock pistol, very effectively shooting "firecrackers". He entered this in the FMT II crafts contest, although it did not win.

Science Report for July 1977

From Lord Squire Bronislous of Vilnius, Regional MOS for the Land of Flowers, to Domini Farnese, Principality MOS, Meridies.

From the Barony of Wyvernwoode, Lord John Shark has been experimenting with some helm designs of various kinds. Oldenfeld has been working on pottery made from clay they dug up themselves. They are making their own candles and are working on a hand made loom.

In An Crosaire, Lord Tetsuo Sakura has set up his brewery and is making up his first batch of beer.

Sangre Del Sol reports they have been in touch with a bunch of people in Miami who are interested in joining the SCA.

Peasant's Revel:

August 13, 1977

An Crosaire & Oldenfeld held a Peasant Revel held at the co-cathedral of St. Thomas More in Tallahassee. All was required to appear at the revel in their Peasant (or lower) personas. (From Oldenfeld's newsletter *The Lion's Tale*, August 1977, AS XII) The gentles from Sneads came as gypsies with a large quantity of stolen silver, the rest of the populous came as various and assorted peasants and scum. The feast consisted of home baked peasant's bread and a thick porridge/stew, which was provided by the Oldenfeld Cooking Guild. Everyone provided their own beverages and accouterments, such as fruit and cheese. The meal was downed in good form complete with fisticuffs and food fights. When the most voracious appetites had been temporarily sated, Lady Stupid Peasant (Sieglinde von Truso) was allowed to sit in a chair for the groveling contest. There was a team as well as individual groveling - all of which Lady Stupid Peasant, the recipient of the groveling, found most remarkable. Aias undoubtedly stole the show, as well as "lady", when he stalked across all the feasting tables with a bonny wench slung over his shoulder. Jute provided much entertainment playing his pipes as many joined in for the dancing. (This by the way was the first peasant event held in the Known World).

At the Peasant's Revel a town meeting was held by the Florida regional Seneschal, Eric of Skaan. The major reason for the Town meeting was to discuss the incipient Principality of Florida as to the Regional Name and arms; a method of selection of the regional ruler and a discussion of the rules and laws of the SCA Kingdom and the Principality of Meridies as they will apply to the new region. A long list of possibilities was presented and after much discussion it was narrowed it down to the final three: Trimaris being Latin for three seas, Choranthia being Latin for flowering (at the time what was to become Trimaris was often referred to as the Land of Flowers), and Tritonia indicating Triton, the fish-tailed man who is the King of the Sea. Tritonia is also Latin for a species of sea-slug, an unfortunate coincident. Trimaris won the greatest support, with Choranthia and Tritonia being second and third.

The Triskele symbol was overwhelming the choice of symbol in the colors of Azure and Or. This was later changed to Azure and Argent during the polling of the populace to choose proposed arms and tinctures.

University of Florida Demo

On October 19 1977 An Crosaire held a demo at the University of Florida Student Organization Night

The following letter was received: Greetings unto Seamus McCrye McHoo, Seneschal of the Shire of An Crosaire from Lady Zan Andreas of the Blue Cave, Historian of Meridies on this the 15th day of December, 1977

Milord,

I must apologize for not writing you sooner, your letter got stapled to another one on my desk (you DO believe that don't you?) I am not sure how late I am as your letter is not dated, and I can't find the envelope (you think you are messed up? HA). You did manage to surprise me; I had thought that An Crosaire was a very active group, large and growing. What Happened? No history! NO HISTORY! Surely, sir you jest, (don't say/write things like that) cardiac arrest is not a NICE thing to do to officers. An Crosaire was born, hatched, decanted or something. I just need to know when and who the midwife was and the names of witnesses (both SCA and mundane). I am, at present, not interested in myths. Just the facts sir, (say you have a few, please). Who was your first member and where did he come from? How many members do you have at present, and may I have a list of the present officers, with SCA/mundane names and addresses. Your letter to me is the reason why my office exists, so that this will not happen, if you have enough members, please threaten/ask one of them to dig into the seneschals files or your memory and write me with the above questions answered as much as possible. If you do not have enough members please do this yourself. I do not believe that a seneschal with his heavy duties should be a historian, but you do have the files and that should (I Hope) contain some of this information. Attached is a form I use for the monthly report (by the 6th of each month). It might help, and you seem to need all the help you can get right now. Would your herald have some of the information I need, think he will help? I would like to hear from you again soon, letting me know just who I might call on as the historian for your shire. Happy Holidays to all. Sincerely Lady Zan Andreas of the Blue Cave c/o Gloria F. Evans, Memphis, Tenn.

Report Form: Date, event, revel, or tourney. Special activities or just anything outside of the regular meetings that should be remembered (sometimes happenings of note do occur in regular meetings, awarding of honors, resignations, appointments, etc.) special guild projects or those of the arts or sciences. Who were in attendance? Who initiated the activities? Is your membership growing or decreasing? Perhaps you are changing status? These are some of the things that history should be concerned with. There are many others that I have probably left out but I am sure you get the idea.

Greetings unto Lady Zan Andreas of the Blue Cave, Historian of Meridies, from Dafydd Dragonstar, Pursuivant An Crosaire.

Enclosed herein is the long asked for and much fabled "history" of the Shire of An Crosaire. I am sorry that it has taken so long to be produced, but I lead a much harried graduate student's existence at the moment. Anyway, I was delegated the task because I am the last of the original "founders" still active in the group here, and the task is now completed. Unfortunately, the records of the Shire, excepting the heraldic ones, were in great disarray and so much of this had to be dug from my records and from memory. I have read this enclosure to those of the Shire who have been here the longest, and they had no other additions or corrections, so you may take this as fact, I suppose, instead of myth. My seneschal and I have taken some steps to be sure this lapse does not occur again. We have gotten someone to be a chronicler. You should receive a report from Iles King (Knikolos Major) beginning in March 1978. We have attached this office to my own (as I am informed it would be), I will get copies of his reports to your office, and I or

my warranted deputy will file the reports in his absence. For the time being you may correspond to the chronicler through my address below. Done this 19th day of February, 1978. Dafydd Dragonstar, Pursuivant An Crosaire

THE HISTORY OF THE SHIRE OF AN CROSAIRE (from the founding until December 1977)

The idea of founding a Shire in Gainesville, Florida was a joint lot between four people: Don Eliades (Yeonas), J. Lynn Hilton (Learin of Napenthe), David Killian (Dafydd Dragonstar), and Rebecca Sanders (Aerdynn Wynnon). Learin had been affiliated with the Society for many years; her true-blooded sister, Mistress Cynthia Lady Fitzcolline, was then seneschal of the principality of Meridies. Aerdynn was a member of the then Shire of Wyvernwood, and Dafydd and Yeonas were first introduced to the Society in that same Shire. The idea of a Gainesville Shire was “gestated” in Wyvernwoode during several revels in late 1975 and early 1976, ASX. The details were bantered around amongst these four people for several months. The turning point was at one revel in the spring of 1976 when Dafydd made the “mistake” of blazoning a device within the hearing of the Beacon Herald of Meridies, Master Taliesynne Nychymwrh. Shortly afterward in May of 1976 Dafydd was warranted as the herald of the incipient shire in Gainesville. From This point onward the idea was more or less a reality. Originally it was decided that Learin would be seneschal, but a mundane marriage out of Kingdom took her away before the paperwork began in earnest. Aerdynn was then picked as the first seneschal of the Shire. During the summer of 1976 the matter was more or less static because the group was dispersed throughout the United States. In September 1976 the group was reunited, and had been augmented by several people from Wyvernwoode moving northward. In late September, the papers for establishing the Shire were completed. The first regular meetings were weekly affairs on Sunday afternoons at Aerdynn’s home. The first such meeting was October 10, 1976, and attending this meeting were

Seneschal Aerdynn Wynnon (Rebecca Sanders)
Knights Marshal Sir Tetsuo Sakura (Steve Bloom)
Arts/Sciences Gwynnedd a Gwynnedd (Sarah Sanders)
Herald Dafydd Dragonstar (David Killian)

In an amazing feat of cooperation, this group on that same afternoon, in the span of two or three hours, finalized the choice of a Shire name (An Crosaire, Gallic meaning “The Crossroad”) and designed the Shire’s arms (submitted 17 October 1976). To celebrate the Shire held its first revel at Kim O’Connor’s home in mid-November. Many members of the Shire of Wyvernwoode joined the reveling for a truly great evening. In early December, the Wyvernwooders once more joined the Shire in making the SCA’s first mass appearance at the University of Florida’s Madrigal Dinner.

As Rome had a year of four emperors, 1977 was the year of four seneschals in An Crosaire. Aerdynn resigned in May to be succeeded by Gwynnedd, who resigned in July. Lady Sieglinde succeeded Gwynnedd who tendered the officer to Elmar Schmeisser (Seamus McRyu McHoo) in September. During these changes Dafydd and Sir Tetsuo retained their offices, and Lady Kimineko became Mistress of Arts/Science. The

population of the Shire through October of 1977 remained rather static, or perhaps even dwindled. The mundane life consumed a great number of the initial members, and many newcomers proved to be only transient.

The Shire was relatively well represented at events in Meridies during 1977. Members attended the following events: (January) Coronation of the Prince of Meridies John the Bearkiller; (February) Sarasota Florida Renaissance Faire; Wyvernwoode Demonstration Tourney (April); (May) Florida Memorial Tournament II; (July) Coronation of the Prince of Meridies William Colquit; and Baronial Bash in Wyvernwoode (October). Locally the Shire was active. In March Seamus sponsored a revel at his home and demonstrated a Japanese tea ceremony. Dafydd held two revels at his home, one in April and another in August. In June the Shire, due to its ties in both origin and the mundane, jointly decided to sponsor a revel with the Shire of Oldenfeld. The first and hopefully annual An Crosaire-Oldenfeld Peasants' Revel was finally held on 14 August 1977 in Oldenfeld. This was also the occasion of the first Town Meeting of the Region of Trimaris.

In October, the members began a big "push" to get a chapter started on the University of Florida campus. The papers were duly filed in mid-October. The Shire made an appearance at the university's Student Organization Night on the 19 October, held a show-and-tell meeting on the 21st and a revel at the Sakura's on the 23rd. Also at this time the meetings began to be held at the University Student Union instead of the seneschal's home. The meeting dates were changed to the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. Dafydd was elected president (bailiff) and Seamus the secretary-treasurer (reeve) of the University Chapter. Several new members were attracted by these activities, and the Shire once again exhibited some growth. Among these was Miles King (Knikolos Major) who became the first Guildhouse Master for the Shire's clothiers on 30 November. The Shire once again attended the University Madrigal Dinner in December. This time, however, they made their presence known by making an entrance at which Dafydd heralded and announced the guest and members of the shire

Seneschal Seamus McRyu Mchoo (Elmar Schmeisser)

Knights Marshal Sir Tetsuo Sakura (Steve Bloom)

Sciences/Arts Lady Kimieko Sakura (Kimi Bloom)

Chronicler Knikolos Major (Miles King)

Herald Dafydd Dragonstar (David Killian)

Counting registered members of the Society and those attending meetings regularly, the population of the Shire was 14. Done to the best of my memory, 18 February 1978, Dafydd Dragonstar, Pursuivant An Crosaire.

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An Crosaire's Historian's report 1978

An Crosaire's historian, Knikolos Major, reported in his historian's report for January and February 1978 that activities have been numerous and well carried off. We greet an average of three new people at each shire meeting, (which seems to be twice a month).

The shire meetings are normally held at the J.W. Rietz Union of the University of Florida and workshops at Riku-no-Ha (home of Lord Tetsuo and Lady Kimineko).

January 10, 1978 Regular scheduled Shire meeting where plans were discussed for our activities in conjunction with the Coronation of John I. There were 16 members in attendance.

January 13 – 15, 1978 Members attended the Coronation of John I (Bear Killer) at Jessup, GA. Ld. Tetsuo Sakura was knighted and Seamus became Poet Laureate of Meridies.

January 24, 1978, Regular scheduled Shire meeting discussing plans for St. Valentine's Massacre Tournament. Plans were also made to have armoring and a craftsman's workshop to be held at Riju-nd-Ha (the home of Ld. Tetsuo & Lady Kimineko).

St. Valentine's Massacre

On February 10/12 1978, An Crosaire held "St. Valentine's Massacre" at Otter Springs, Wilcox Fl. The populace of An Crosaire decided that this was to be an annual event. The event was quite successful with 30 people attending, which included visitors from Wyvernwood, Oldenfeld and Starhaven. There were 7 fighters in the list with the grand winner being Sir Tetsuo and the runner up being Lord Bronislous. The rules of the list were rather unusual. The winner of the list armed with a bonker tube blade and shield less was to be massacred by all the losers using SCA knives striking any unarmored place. Death was determined when the gentle deems it wise to die. Noble ladies may if they wish, revive the gentle with a KEEN twice the third death is final, when all are ready to leave the field the ladies are to group themselves about the fallen and raise a last KEEN into his helm before it can be removed. The fallen fighter's own lady then will bestow a chaste kiss upon the lips to raise him from the dead.

Meridies Crown List

April 22/23 1978 many people from Trimaris attended Meridies Crown List that was held in Lafayette LA. At that event Lady Kimineko was awarded the Order of the Velvet Owl and Sir Tetsuo became Queen's Champion by being in 3rd place. (Per An Crosaire's Historian, Knikolos Major)

May Day Celebration and New Years Revel

April 28/May 2 1978 An Crosaire held a "Celebration of May Day and the Greeting of the New Year" event combined with a mini-renaissance faire held on the campus of the University of Florida. On Friday, there was an exhibition list, displays of medieval arts and crafts, and singing by the Renaissance Ensemble. Then the event was moved to Otter Springs for two days and nights of fun and reveling. There was a set of challenge matches for the fighters, then a melee, followed by a very informal sea battle in the springs (which was destroyed by too much frolicking for true fighting.) After the evening meal the populace gathered for a court held by Master Taliesynne, Baron of Wyvernwood and Lady Murean, Baroness Wyvernwood. At court Kreimhilde von Habichtslager was installed as reeve by presenting her with a plugged wooden nickel. The event was

autocrated by Seamus McCryu McHoo and Knikolos Major. Trimarians from Wyvernwood, Naval Dorado, Starhaven, Hunter's Glade, An Crosaire and Castlemere attended.

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OFFICERS OF THE SHIRE

Seneschal: Seamus McRyu McHoo
Herald: Dafydd Dragonstar
Arts/Science: Lady Kimineko Sakura
Knights Marshal: Sir Tetsuo Sakura
Chronicler Knikolos Major

Trimaris Memorial Tourney III

On May 27/29 1978 the Shire of An Crosaire hosts the Trimarian Memorial Tourney III, at O'Leno State Park. Games and contests - the usual - plus kite flying and kite fights. The Wyvern's Roost, bring your flea market trinkets and treasures to sell. Contests will be handled the "immemorial" way that is Trimaris groups are asked to send the autocrat their 3 choices of contests/games. Sponsor will need to furnish judge(s), prizes and rules/instructions and will conduct the game/contest. Cedrin and Lady Kimi sponsored embroidery. Seamus sponsored Sumo Wrestling and the Poet Laureate of Trimaris, and Knikolos sponsored open sewing. Knikolos gave a class on costuming and Siobhan gave a tatting class & Cher gave an embroidery class.

The Trimaris Council will meet; any questions and/or agenda input should be addressed to Lord Eric of Skaan. The Gilded Ladle will be awarded for the best course at the feast. The Plastic Turkey will be flapping about - so leave your mundanities at home. Master Taly and the Trimaris Seneschals will award the Baron's Award for most medieval presence.

(Arts report) In the competitions, Sir Tetsuo won for Vintning and Seamus won the Most Medieval Presence. Saelind Ericdohtor won the fine arts contest with her triptych showing 3 medieval persons, done in oil painted gesso applied to rustic wood panels in sculpted relief. 'Queta won the Costume Contest with her completely hand stitched velvet and hand beaded brocade Tudor styled gown. A note in the Arts Report stated that Seamus made a Hobby Cockroach for the Dame's Joust; Siobhan made a brown Arabian Hobby horse; and Knikolos made a Hobby Griffin. The creator of the Hobby Horse pattern was Lady "Queta who also made 4 horses, a Hobby Llama (which won the Best Beastie contest) pattern, and a Hobby Skunk pattern. Feastcrat was Sir Tetsuo Seamus won Troubadour of Trimaris with his "The Daemon Blade" Jannara of Ariaea won Poet Laureate

Sir Orlando's Coronation

July15/17, 1978 Trimarians traveled to Meridies for the Coronation of Sir Orlando. An Crosarians, Seamus McCryu McHoo and Dafydd Dragonstar received their Award of Arms and Lady Kimi was made a member of the Queen's Ladies-in-waiting. Seamus' Companiate of Bards was discussed and he surrendered the Poet Laureate to Shoshanna.

Harvest Moon Revel

August 19/20, 1978 Dafydd officially resigned his office of Herald and Cher was installed in his stead. Dafydd was presented with a cake entitled "Twit Manor" and a bottle of wine. A Bardic circle of sorts was started with Dafydd reciting songs and stories associated with him for recording.

UF Demo

On 10-6-78, An Crosaire held a demo at the University of Florida. A table was set with examples of SCA type arts and crafts. A scenario between Lord Seamus and Sir Tetsuo was acted out with one insulting the other, a challenge made, a fight ensued (complete with a chivalrous act), the offender defeated, a formal apology made, and the two men made fast friends over the cups. Seamus played his pipes and several ladies danced. Siobhan and Cedrin gave a recorder demonstration, and twilzie whopping ended the day.

The Poobah Event

The flyer for the event on 10-6/8-78 by An Crosaire started out with "Ever wanted to know what a Poobah did on his day off? They went on to say "the Great Poobah is a fine, upstanding person of spotless moral character, he does have one flaw when it comes to being silly; he is obsessed with all that is tacky." The event, held at Otter Springs Campground, contained such happenings as:

Weird Weapons Tourney- since there will be fighting, bring out all those broken, old, and weird weapons, however, they must be able to damage the user more than the opponent.

Challenge fighting - the ever popular three peasants against a noble as a highlight, however challenges are encouraged to all who would like to see a grudge carried out. The Poobah will give the winner of the most ingenious challenge to be accepted.

Tacky jewelry contest - This is the time to unbury all those ugly relics you thought, if you ignored them they'd go away. You are only allowed to enter one tacky item per category: rings/bracelets, pins, earrings - and the winner will receive the plaudits of the Poobah and a prize.

Coliseum Cerebrum with classes offered - Simple games for the simple minded, teeth picking, music theory of mud and shovels, middle Mongolian belching, how to find thy mouth, silly dances, basket unweaving, identification of the nobles, ant skinning, and how to recognize trees from a long way off, Insult and flattery contest - You think the wench next door is pretty but her husband is a bum - what would you say? This is the opportunity to tell people what you really think of them.

Aquatic mayhem - for those of you who cant swim, basic survival is being taught so that you may at least be able to recognize the difference between breathing air and breathing water (hint: water is wet)

Groveling and hem-kissing contest - (It is rumored that the King is very good at this).

The best groverlier and hem kisser gets a special prize from the Poobah

Face stuffing (or better known as feast) - Strictly bring you own swill. And clean up after you're finished - the Poobah may be tacky, but he does like to see a clean camp.

Grand Procession of the Poobah will precede court where awards will be given to the winners of the contests. The evening will end in Bardic.

This event was autocrated by Cedrin Etainnighean and Seamus McCryu McHoo.

The event report stated that the day begun with bonker shinny and rock throwing (nerf). Later classes were given - Seamus taught mouthfinding, Cedrin and Kriemhilde taught twit games, Yari taught Fractured Heraldry, Siobhan taught Stupid Peasant Dances and Jed taught foot reading. In the evening the court of the Great Poobah was begun with the assassination of the First Poobah by a Ninja and Snerd the Wise was installed. The Haboops were announced, the Ninja was "knighted", the Haboops danced and grapes were thrown. Prizes were given.

Martinmas Moot II

11-10/12-78 An Crosaire sponsored Martinmas Moot held at Torreya State Park. A fighter clinic sponsored by Sir Tetsuo and Lord Seamus was held with 20 people participating. Classes were held in basic combat skills, advanced techniques, training in various weapon styles, and discussion of SCA combat. Emphasis will be on improvement, communication and cooperation. Instruction in the gentler arts such as court dancing is planned. Listed guests included people from Wyvernwood, Hunter's Glade, Starhaven, Oldenfeld, Castlemere plus Loraybech from the incipient shire at Macon, Tailefer from Grey Niche, and three people from the Shire of the Osprey. Yari received the Order of the Wyvern's Claw. All shire members in attendance went to the marriage of Dolinar and Strider. Seamus aided in the emergency rescue of a burn victim.

Madrigal Dinners

12-1-78, Sir Tetsuo, Lady Kimi, Jed, Kriemhilde, Lord Seamus, Lord Yari, Knikolos, Robin, June, Siobhan, Barbara, Cedrin, Dolinar attended a Madrigal Dinner along with Strider from Star Haven and His Royal Majesty Sir Orlando from South Downs. The Lord of Misrule and the performers at the dinner recognized and honored the King Orlando. He also danced with the performers. Several of our members sang along with the singers during the evening.

Christmas List and Art/Science Faire

On 12-8/10-78, Starhaven/Hunters Glade/An Crosaire sponsored a Christmas List and an Arts & Science Faire at O'Leno State Park. An open competition included calligraphy, illumination, drawing, needlework, costuming, entertainment, armoring, brewing and Vintning, casting and metalwork, carving and woodwork, and domestic sciences. Cher and Kimi judged all the Arts contests and Jed judged all the sciences but calligraphy and drawing. The awards were hand calligraphed and Sir Tetsuo constructed medallions. From the Domesday report by Jed Silverstar, MoS, Trimaris: "Over 80 gentles were in attendance at this event coming from every corner of Trimaris and the Kingdom at large. The four autocrats were Lady Gwynnedd ap Gwynnedd for Arts; Jed Silverstar for Science; Lady Siglinde von Truso for Feast; and Lord Ewold Hvelarsom for the Lyst. Sciences were well represented with 4 entries in armoring; 3 entries in carving and woodwork; 3 entries in casting and metalwork, 3 entries in brewing and vintning; 4 entries in domestic science and 6 entries in scientific discourse (articles)."

Trimaris Council of Nobles as of December 1978 AS XIII
Seneschal Lady Enriqueta Isabel de Reyes y Mora
Marshal Cole of Cornwall, Southkeype

Sciences Jed Silverstar, An Crosaire
Arts Lady Gwynneth ap Gwynneth
Herald Lord Yari Sakura
An Crosaire Siobhan ni Filidheacht
Castlemere Toshiro Musashi
Darkwater Kundulum the Pole
Hunter's Glade Lady Sieglinde von Truso
Mathom Trove Knikolos Major
Narval Dorado Lady Enriqueta Isabel de Reyes y Mora
Oldenfeld Aethelthryth of Acleah
Sangre del Sol Loadomia Diaz de Valencia
Sirenia Xigunder
Southkeype Cole of Cornwall
Starhaven Lady Muireann deora-de
Wyvernwoode Yushio Kamashita

Peers

Sir Tetsuo Lord Sakura
Sir Bronislous Lord Vilnius
Sir Koppel
Master Taliesynne Lord Nychymwrh

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An Crosaire's Twelfth Night Revel

On 1-6-79 the Twelfth Night Revel was sponsored by the members of Tigh na Baothaire and held at their abode. Sir Bronislous Lord Vilnius, Augustine and Augustine's lady from Wyvernwood joined with the shire for this revel. The feast was duc de potluck with all contributing. Entertainment was provided by two unlikely belly dancers (Kriemhilde von Habichtslager and Cedrin Etainnighean) and a rather sodden Bardic Circle. Gifts were exchanged. The whole group then departed to the hospital in full garb to entertain a shire member who was there for a bone graft operation. The shire unanimously voted to petition for baronial status and unanimously chose to nominate Sir Tetsuo and mistress Kimineko as Baron and Baroness.

In February 1979, the Canton of Mathom Trove (Palatka) was founded

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The history of Mathom Trove actually goes back many years, even before the Current Middle Ages. The lands known to us today as Vynicorn's Keype and Hospyce were settled and established by Taliesynne Nychymwrh more than twenty years ago. For a long time the lands lay uninhabited while Taliesynne traveled the Known World finding notoriety and acclaim.

Meanwhile, Knikolos Major, a native of the St. Johns River Valley, was studying Heraldry with Lord Dafydd Seren yr Draig in An Crosaire. Knikolos introduced his friends Elom Eikinskjalde and Ara Arisdottir to the good folk of An Crosaire and the

ways of the C.M.A. In August of AS XIII, Knikolos returned from his travels to Major Manor. Along with Elom and Ara the incipient canton was founded with Knikolos as the first Seneschal. The canton consisted of all the lands of the St. John's River Basin - north to Blackthorne, south to SIRRUSH Mir, west to An Crosaire, and east to the sea.

At Yuletide of the same year, Taliesynne, now a Master of the Pelican and Founding Baron Wyvernwood returned to the Keype to re-establish his holdings and informed the novice canton that they were living nearly on the very lands of Vynicorne's Keype. He then guided the canton in its formation in the role of its first Herald. The name Mathom Trove was chosen, meaning "Place of Earthly Treasures." The Arms, Badge and Flag were submitted and passed.

By this time An Crosaire had become large and a Barony was to be formed. Sir Tetsuo and Mistress Kimineko were crowned Baron and Baroness An Crosaire at Mathom Trove's first event in April AS XIII, held at the Keype. Also at that event, Knikolos received an Award of Arms and became Protégée to Master Tally. After a time Tonialydd joined Mathom Trove and became its second Seneschal and Knikolos left to travel the Known World. Mathom Trove had attained a reputation as a place of learning and good revelry.

In the years XV and XVI this reputation was bolstered greatly by Master Tally's founding of the Norrey Academie of Armorie for the study of Heraldry and by many events and revels. During this time more people found Mathom Trove and the population was increased by Diego Francisco Alvarez and Robin Foxxe of Cantshire, both students of Theatrical Arts, and Moira Branwyn, a Irish lass adept in the study of metaphysics phenomena.

At Yuletide of XVI, the Seneschalit had passed to Diego, Lord Knikolos had returned and a revel was planned to celebrate the prosperity of the canton. The feast was autocrated by Moira and Gafyn Meridudd provided decorations of the season, a gentle well learned in flora and horticulture. Original plans called for 25-30 guests. In fact, 87 good gentles were welcomed that night.

Spring of XVI brought with it an Award of Arms for Diego, the Seneschalit to Moira, and Dorcas Leslie, the Widow, from the West back to her native home. The Anniversary of Mathom Trove was transformed into the St. George Faire.

Publicity!

2-4-79 the St. Petersburg Times featured An Crosaire in an article entitled "They create New Versions of an Old World" and interviewed Lord Seamus McCryu McHoo (Elmar Schmeisser).

St. Valentines Massacre

On 2-9/11-79 the massacre once again took place. Listed in attendance were Yushio, Frafnir, Najib, Keana, Janna, Lady Caroline, Corineous, Dlot, Agustine, Katherine, and Sir Bronislaus from Wyvernwood; Master Taliesynne, Steven, Elam and Ara and Knikolos from Mathom Trove; John of Lithia from Hunter's Glade; Bisselieaus, Jarl and Boadicae from Castlemere; Aelfryth from West Isles; Dhimetria, Dolanar and Strider from Starhaven; Mistress Varina, Jannara and Bamchut from Narval Dorado; Iaroslav

from White Buck Forest; Duncan, Sir Francios and Elham from Draconia; Mirokyu and Glynnys from Darkwater; Lady Armide and Brent of House Chimera; Holtmar, Catherine, Sir Tetsuo, Lady Kimineko, Lord Seamus, Kriemhilde, Cedrin, Siobhan and Cher from An Crosaire.

Caroline was presented with an Award of Arms, Lady Kimi was presented with the Order of the Laurel; Jed was presented with an Award of Arms; and Seamus was invited to join Mistress Varina's household. Sir Francois won the list and Lady Caroline was crowned the new Baroness of Wyvernwood.

Egg Hunt

On 4-15-79, An Crosaire held an egg hunt at Tigh-na-Baothaire. Cedrin stated that it is hard hiding eggs in tresses if you are only 5'2 and they are 6'2, but we managed and we hunted and ate, drank and talked. After a while, and a few more drinks, we decided we need to learn how to dance. An impromptu dance class was held in the driveway to which we formed a tentative idea of teaching dancing at events.

An Crosaire's Baronial Investiture

On 4-28/29-79 The Barony of An Crosaire and its canton Mathom Trove invite one and all to the elevation of Sir Tetsuo, Lord Sakura and Mistress Kimineko, Lady Sakura as Baron and Baroness. This event is to be held in Mathom Trove at the Fen of Unicorn's Keype. The site is primitive so some prepared. There will be many enjoyments along with the elevation and court of the Baron and Baroness, including games, dancing and, of course, Bardic Circle. A Merchant's Alley will be set up for any trades folke that wish. There will be no organized list, but for any who wish to exercise their prowess, a melee field is close at hand. Autocrat was Knikolos Major. The court was Japanese.

The first awarding of the Order of the Cross and Serpent was to:

Lord Seamus McCryu McCo

Lord Dafydd Dragonstar

Award of Arms - Knikolos Major of Salem

Cher de Bellevue became Regional Herald for Trimaris

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Trimaris Memorial Tourney IV

On 5-26/28-79 The Trimaris Consillium sponsored the Trimaris Memorial Tourney IV at the Forest of Marianna. Activities listed were on Saturday a fighter's clinic, then a memorial lyst, on Sunday open melees and games. Both Saturday and Sunday listed classes were: Embroidery, SCA fencing, Arabic Etiquette, Pen Cutting and Calligraphy, Precedence and Protocol, costuming, finger weaving, Japanese Etiquette, copper etching and dancing. All during the weekend non- competitive displays were encouraged. The Autocrat was Sir Tetsuo Lord Sakura; Feastcrat Cher de Belvue; Collegium Autocrat, Lord Jed Silverstar. Over 100 people attended this event.

A significant occurrence at this event was the Town Meeting on Sunday was to discuss the plans to petition for Principality. Crown Princess Alix and several other people attended the event from South Downs. Lord Seamus McCryu McHoo, Mistress Kimineko, Lady Sakura and Sir Tetsuo, Lord Sakura, Baron and Baroness An Crosaire

all received the Order of the Ordered Order.
Award of Arms - Canel Regenweald, called Mentor
Edward of Effingham
James the Mad Beggar
Elspeth MacNaughton
Joanna de Bocage
Elizabeth FitzRandolph
Boyd O'Flame
Nicholai Staritsyn

(An Crosaire's Historian Report by Cedrin) General Mayhem mainly. The Crown Princes Alix graced us with her presence, as did various important folk from South Downs. Besides classes, a fighter's clinic and list were held. The feast was autocrated by Cher and went over well (we still have pickled eggs left though). The Scum Guild absconded with the Mystery Burgundian and unfortunately gave him back.

"Herald's Picnic"

On 7-21-79. Mathom Trove held a "Herald's Picnic" There were several heraldic classes and then a Mathom hunt in the ravines. Unfortunately, many of the clues to the hunt were absconded by mundanes, so there was much frustration - all turned out well eventually. A bibliographic lecture on heraldic references, with the actual references to hand, was presented. Much interest was generated with the device conundrums, with prizes for correct blazons going to Lady Cher, Lord Jed and Holtmar.

Peasant's Revel

8-11-79 the folk of An Crosaire, Oldenfeld, Narval Dorado, Hunter's Glade and Castlemere enjoyed a day of eating, drinking and dancing. A Proverb War took first round of the Bardic Circle. We were given a display of fireworks courtesy of a nearby foot ball game.

Mathom Trove Anniversary Revel

On 9-8-79, Light the Candles! Mathom Trove is a year old! Come one and all to the Trove and take away a treasure (treasure of knowledge that is). Short show- and- tell demonstration classes will be taught by members of the Canton on such subjects as: Jewelry of your period, Local herbs and antidotes; Illumination and miniature. If you have a talent or information to share, bring it along, reveling and bardic to follow. Feast courtesies of Duc de Potluck. Autocrat Lord Knikolos Major.

All Hallows Eve Revel

On 10-31-79 The Canton of Mathom Trove held "All Hallows Eve Revel"

Yule Revel

On 12-22-79, the Canton of Mathom Trove held a Yule Revel

Martinmas Moot/First Warlord Tourney

On 11-10/12-79 Naval Dorado sponsored Martinmas Moot/First Warlord Tourney. There were 120 attendees at this event. The War Lord list was double elimination with

14 fighters entered. *Sir Tetsuo became War Lord of Trimaris.* Lord Jed was given the Order of the Triskel Trimaris and Mistress Kimi took Elom as her apprentice.