

1981

Heraldry Class

1-8-81 The Canton of Mathom Trove put on a Heraldry class at the Shire of Blackthorne

Twelfth Night Revel

1-10-81, the Barony of An Crosaire had their Twelfth Night celebration with members of the shire, Mathom Trove and Oldenfeld

Hero of the Chalice Tourney

The Barony of Wyvernwood once again hosted the Hero of the Chalice Tourney on 1-16/18-81 at Keystone. The listed autocrats were Lord Yushio Kamashita, Baron Wyvernwood, Lady Oriana Goldenhair, Agrippina di Conti, Lady Sieglinda von Truso (feastcrat). Attendance was 120 overnight guests and 126 for feast. The Historian from the Barony of An Crosaire reported that Ropesle fought in the list, Holtmar, Ara, Hollin and Yari entered the games competition with Yari tying for first. Holtmar, Cedrin, Sir Tetsuo and Siobhan put up displays. In all 12 members of An Crosaire attended the event.

Uphalladag

1-24-81, The Canton of Mathom Trove held "Uphalladag - Norse Mid-Winter Festival" Herein were written the true accounts of that event, as much as was remembered anyways by Meistari Elom Eikinskjalldi "On the last Tuesday of January, the folk of the Shetland Islands go a bit mad. Every year, led by fancifully dressed Vikings they gather in large numbers to burn a specially build Viking ship and to consume massive quantities of alcoholic drinkables. This is "Up Holly As", a sort of celebration of the Old Norse fire festival that marked the end of Yuletide and the return of the sun after a rather dark winter. With these thoughts in mind, a pair of folks who were sparkly new to the SCA (who had recently begun to call themselves Ara and Elom) had a great idea. They suggested to the rest of the Canton of Mathom Trove (all three of them) that it would be a fun event to do. As Ara and Elom were the resident and only Norse types about, they were promptly hailed as autocrats and told to get cracking. Armed with tenacity and delusions of grandeur, they set to work.

With promises of good behavior and much pleading, the Greater Palatka Garden Club's cabin in Ravine State Gardens was secured as a site and the date set for January 17, 1981. While Ara fused her brain cells thinking up activities and flyers, Elom glued and stapled himself into oblivion decorating the hall. Advice and help was offered and accepted (whew!), flyers mailed, and food purchased. Then THE FEAR set in. What if no one showed up? What if the entire kingdom decided to wash its collective hair that night and 'stud us up? Then, on the appointed time, first one cart, then two, and then finally multiple carts full of lords and ladies showed up. Soon the hall was full to bursting with happy people laughing, drinking, and stuffing their faces with food. They played games. They amused the Park Rangers. It was late at night when the last revelers departed for home. The Rangers had left at sundown, reminding us to lock up the park as we left. As

for the Canton, they departed to their varied homes and hovels, exhausted, but please with a job well done.

St. Valentine's Day Massacre

This event was held at Otter Springs on 2-13/16-81. The Shire of Blackthorne Seneschal John McKnight was co- autocrat of this event with Lord Yari Sakura of An Crosaire. McKnight also taught a class on dialects and Elspeth MacNaughton taught a class on costuming. Elena de Castellanas y Guallardo, of Blackthorne served as herald at the court of Sir Sakura Tetsuo, Baron An Crosaire, under the direction of Lady Cher de Bellevue. Blackthorne members attending were Maedhrous Carrelli, Dainaid O'llanrhyddad, Camille Laughton, Margarete Ranvier, Ravenna McNamara, Elspeth MacNaughton, Francis Moore, John McKnight, Morgana merch Morgan, Danielle di Bottecetto, Demian Lucas, Diego Alvares, Capt. Alexander Woodshaw, and Elena de Castellanas y Guallardo.

The Barony of An Crosaire's historian reported the event was rather laid back, not much was scheduled other than the massacre, which Lord Reikin ap Grugach of Sea March won. Alastair the Wanderer won the best death competition. Elspeth-Jean was given her AOA at Baronial Court. Approximately 22 members from An Crosaire attended. Members from Wyvernwood, Blackthorne, Castlemere, Starhaven, Sea March, Sangre del Sol, South Keype, Darkwater, Mathom Trove and Narval Dorado enjoyed this event. This event was covered in a full-page article with color photos in the 2-22-81 issue of the Florida Times Union, Arts & Leisure section, Jacksonville and was also filmed by Channel 5, Gainesville PBS station.

Historical Note: For years after, members of An Crosaire and others throughout the kingdom talked about this event for several reasons. For instance, it was one of the coldest events anyone had attended - all together now - how cold was it? Legend has it that a squirrel fell out of a tree, either striking or near missing Cher (tales vary). When examined, it was apparent that the squirrel had frozen to death. No one could believe that it was that cold so Cher took the squirrel back and autopsied it in her lab - and yes it had frozen to death. Although the official report of the event did not mention this occurrence, 1982's advertisement for St. Val's states "yes! The squirrel was frozen." This might also explain why this St. Val's was so laid back; everyone was too cold to do more than huddle around a fire. Otter Springs was a primitive campground!

Howard Bishop School Demo

4-10-81, the Barony of An Crosaire held a demo at Howard Bishop Middle School with 14 of the members participating. There was dancing, fighting, chainmail making, embroidery, calligraphy, etc. The kids were enthralled and about two weeks later the shire received a packet of letters from them that told us just how much they did enjoy the demo.

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Trimaris Memorial Tourney VI

5-22/25-81 this event was sponsored by Sea March. Cher entered and won 1st place in Cooking; Cedrin won 1st place in Experienced Costuming; Holtmar won 2nd place in Woodworking and Siobhan won 1st place in Spinning and Weaving.

Anniversary Revel

7-4-81 the Barony of An Crosaire "Trgh-na-Baothaire" Anniversary Revel with the folk of An Crosaire and representatives from the Shires of Blackthorne, Castlemere, Sea March, Oldenfeld and Narval Dorado.

Herald's Picnic

7-18-81 a Herald's Picnic was sponsored by the Canton of Mathom Trove

Peasant Revel

8-29-81, the Barony of An Crosaire held a "Peasant Revel" at the University of Florida Women's Center. Suzanne Renee Barineau, of Oldenfeld, received her AOA. However, she had to leave the revel with a case of food poisoning before it was announced. Sir Tetsuo acted as proxy for HRM Beorn at the revel and Sean Ecrivain acted as proxy for Sir Tetsuo in the hospital.

Award of Arms - Suzanne Renee Barineau

J. Wayne Reitz Union Activity Day Demo

On 9-9-81, the Barony of An Crosaire participated in the Reitz Union Activity Day at the University of Florida. The events in which we took part were coordinated by Sir Merowald and included Japanese swords and sword care, embroidery, costuming, heraldry, chain mail and pavilion construction, SCA publications and demonstrations of European (i.e. SCA) and Japanese fighting (bonker tube kendo). Both the UF Alligator and the Gainesville Sun covered the event. A Newcomers Revel at the household of Deja Vu, which was well attended, followed it. The potluck feast was autocrated by Lady Hollin of Kestrelmere. The result of these activities is that overnight the Barony has more than doubled in size.

UF Demo

9-23-81 - the Barony of An Crosaire held a demo at the University of Florida, the historian, Cedrin, said it was the usual demo stuff, fighting, dancing, talking, chain mail demonstrations, calligraphy and anything we could think to do. Because of this our barony has increased to about 36 persons. There was a follow up revel, at Tigh na Bothaire, after the demo with everyone in attendance (except me). Cedrin announced that she had to leave the Historians office and has turned it over to Majir the Blatant and Theodosia of Aragon.

Michaelmas Moot

10-2/4-81 the Barony of An Crosaire initiated a new event, the Michaelmas Fighter Clinic. It was a two-day event held at Otter Spring's campground. Representatives of the Paladine Confederation and Sea March, Mathom Trove, Oldenfeld and An Crosaire attended, as did a number of newcomers. Lady Cher talked on protocol and precedence and Lord Reikin and Sir Tetsuo related the rules of SCA fighting. There was a lot of

bashing and some sideline activities, including a fletching demonstration by Lord Elom, music and costuming discussions. It concluded with a feast by Duc de Pot Luc.

Norrey College of Armorie

10-10-81, sponsored by the Canton of Mathom Trove and autocrated by Baron Master Taliesynne

Mathom Trove's Anniversary Revel

12-12-81 the Canton of Mathom Trove had a "Hospytalers of Vynecorne's Keype Annual Revel"

Mathom Trove's Yule Revel

12-27-81 the Canton of Mathom Trove had a Yule Revel