

2008

The Feast of St. Benet

January 5, 2008

Lions Club Gainesville

There was an excellent turnout at this year's holiday event in that we actually had more than 80 people attending. Our feast had been planned for 80 people and we managed to stretch it. Along with the members of the Barony and Mathom Trove, we had guests from Castlemere and Amurgorod. Zephyrine came to our party not as Queen of Trimaris but as "Zephie", ordinary citizen, as she wanted to have a good time without the pomp of being royalty. We were also very happy to have the founding Baron and Baroness of An Crosaire, Sir Sakura Tetsuo and Mistress Sakura Kimenko attend as they rarely come to SCA events.

Feast first remove was bread and a veggie platter, followed by beef stew and rice. The next remove was Italian meatballs with herbs and tomato pasta, followed by dessert of baklava with cinnamon apples. This was our feaster's first attempt at an SCA feast and he was surprised at how much work and preparation it entailed but he was able to pull it off. During feast various members of the Barony entertained us; music played by Hwal and Adian, Bethany played the flute and whistle, Molly sang and Rurik sang. Tuold recited a passage from Richard III. The table-decorating contest was also held during the feast and this year's winner was Rurik and Ceridwen's table, which was referred to as the Harry Potter table due to the gold stag candelabra centerpiece.

Of course there was the Baronial bean cake search, however this year we decided to change things in that whoever got the cake with the bean had to be the autocrat for next year's St. Benet. This good plan went a little awry when Trevor Larsson, age 10, found the bean. It was immediately decided that since he was a minor his father had to take his place, even though Trevor announced that he was up to the job. It was at this point that Lars announced, loudly, that autocrating an event was a Pelican/protégé job and he was an apprentice not a protégé. A quick, surreptitious counsel was held in the back parking lot and since Natasha had planned to give Lars a yellow belt at the next event it was decided by the conspirators that this was the proper time to do so. Baronial Court was quickly opened and Lars was made Mistress Natasha's protégé officially, thereby giving him no way out.

Dunkr was voted the Baronial Scape Goat by popular acclaim and will spend the year being responsible for everything. The final activity was the Poachers Gift Exchange at which we all have so much fun. The most sought after item this year was the felted knit cap that Margie made that finally was snagged by Tsuji

The Autocrat was Caitriona ni Loinsigh, the feaster was Draco del Appena and Lord Ivan "Vanya" Volkovich handled reservations. Submitted by Mistress Natalija Varvara Stoianova, An Crosaire Historian

22nd Annual Hoggetown Medieval Faire

January 26-27 and February 2-3, 2008

Alachua County Fair Grounds

Once again the Barony of An Crosaire participated in the City of Gainesville's Hoggetown Medieval Faire. Not only is this our big demo of the year but is our

fundraiser for the Barony. Our operating capital is made by the selling of sodas and the live archery concession. However, this year the Board decreed that non SCA'ers could not handle any SCA weapons or armor. This is very popular with the public, especially with the children, in that they can shoot SCA combat arrows at armored fighters. The Archery booth was taken over by North Star Archery so the activity could continue. Our heavy weapons fighters and the light weapons fighters put on a fighting demo each day. Our demo booth seems to grow each year. This year we had the armor exhibit, a clothing exhibit and the medieval miniature house. Our artisans were out in force showing numerous crafts. Even our weather cooperated as it was cool not freezing and it didn't rain. Although the two weekend demo is exhausting, everyone seemed to have a lot of fun and it was another success. The City of Gainesville estimated there were 54,000 people attending this event. Submitted by Mistress Natalija Varvara Stoianova, An Crosaire Historian

Another tale from Hoggetown Medieval Faire: "Poor Turtle, he is so embarrassed and annoyed at himself. It is really quite precious. At Hoggetown last weekend he was telling a "NoshitthereIwas" story and in the manner of people trained for the stage was very animated. Tuold went to demonstrate a particular sword blow and as he swung his arm back, little 5' nothing Katie was behind him on her way to the fighting demo in full armor. The blow scuffed the bottom of her helm and landed on the gorget. Apparently it was quite a blow and he was more worried that he had hurt Katie and followed her to the demo to make sure she would be all right. His arm however continued to be painful so he went to the doctor yesterday and found out that he has a green splint fracture. He has a removable cast and cannot fight for 6-8 weeks, which means that he is off the field for War. Now THAT is what pisses him off! So Katie got her war name....."Turtle Killer"

Winter Art Sci

February 1-3, 2008

Camp Weekie Wachee

Event Steward was Mistress Lisabetta da Firenze, reservations handled by Baroness Lucia Alessandra Caldiera, the head chef was Mistress Caitlin of Enniskillen and the Iron Chef Marshal was Baroness Catherine Russell

Awarded at court of TRM Thorsten and Zephyrine

OTT – Dulcia MacPherson

GOA- Carmenetta Roseia Diaz De Rodriguez

Submitted by Mistress Natalija Varvara Stoianova, An Crosaire Historian

Presenting Iron Chef Trimaris

The secret ingredient was rabbit! The bunnies were partially thawed - the legs were thawed but the rest of them were frozen through! My fingers & hands were numb by the time I'd 'hacked them into gobbets'. Wolfmom's a genius - we tenderized the meat by rubbing it with lots of salt and letting the meat sit for 10-15 minutes. Then she added the meat to the cauldron to boil it off the bones. Talk about tender & juicy...

We made 2 recipes we hadn't used before, one sweet sauce and one savory sauce. Along with a side dish of Portobello mushrooms and leeks, the bunny was tasty. We had a little bit of ours for dinner. The only trouble with everyone cooking bunny for 4 hours - we sure didn't want to eat any after smelling it all day. Next time, we need to ask for a cleanup crew to give us a hand afterwards. As soon as bunny was served to the judges,

any adrenaline and energy I had was Gone! I was wiped out and can't remember the last time I has so much trouble gathering enough energy to pack up our stuff. It was SOOOOOO much fun! They gave out the best swag to all the teams also: aprons, tote bags, jewelry, canvas duck knife roll ups, coffee mugs, spices for hot cider...cookies, chocolate. Submitted by HL Fionnuala MacCleod called Takara

GULF WARS XVII

March 9-16, 2008

Kings Arrow Ranch, Lumberton MS

At least 35 An Crosairians happily went to war this year. Vanya reported that Trimaris was vastly outnumbered almost 2-1 and lost the field battle. He said that the archers rocked especially in the fort battle and that the rapiers won the champions and the field. Trimaris also racked up lots of volunteer points. There were tons of classes and merchants everywhere. The weather was unusual for Gulf Wars, it didn't rain, it wasn't cold nor was it too hot. It was very, very dry and windy.

Perhaps the most fun had at Gulf Wars this year was the "delightful" accident incurred by Sir Martin while digging a trench across the road to bury electrical lines. He struck the water line instead. Fertile minds immediately ran with this and created St. Martin's spring and all the stick that went with it. Not only did the Trimarians greet this with great glee, so did the rest of the participant kingdoms. Everyone paid homage to the "sacred spring" by leaving offerings, flowers and trinkets. Someone left a bottle of beer, the contents of which mysteriously disappeared over night and a note was left stating "Stopped by, enjoyed the beer, signed God." The culprit was later identified as the Queen of Glenn Abhann.

At the court of TRM Thorstenn & Zephyrine

GOA & CBAR – William Hawke of Effingham

CBAR - Brighde nic Ghille-laidir

Given on the field by Her Majesty of Gleann Abhann

OJR - HL Amalthea von Thunger (Molly)

OJR - Aibhilin inghean Daibhidh

OJR – Brithwen of An Crosaire

Molly also won the Premier War Bard competition.

Submitted by Mistress Natalija Varvara Stoianova, An Crosaire Historian

Spring Coronation

March 28-30, 2008

Camp Ocala

The coronation of Duke Mittion von Weald and Lady Rosalinda De Santiago was presented by the Kingdom of Trimaris and the Barony of Darkwater. The autocrat was Baroness Jana Hauersham, co-autocrat Lady Elena Maria Alonso, reservations by Lady Devasse ni Farghar mcfen and feastcrat Lord Rolan LePalmer.

Awards given to An Crosairians

at the court of TRM Thorstenn & Zephyrine

COG - Aibhilin inghean Daibhidh

COG - Dulcia MacPherson

COG - Signy Ottersdottir

COG – Margreth Godeschal von Zedwitz

AOA – Ragnar of An Crosaire

OTG - Barony of An Crosaire

Awards given at the court of TRM Mittion & Rosalinda

OP – Rurik Petrovitch Stoianov

OBL - Aibhilin inghean Daibhidh

Awards given at the court of TE Turoid & Barb-hah-rah

OPAR – Donald of St. Ives

OPAR – Jebe Merkit

OHST – Dmitri Dobekovich Milcovia

OHST – Melisande Aubrey d'Anjou

THE REIGN OF THEIR MAJESTIES DUKE MITTION VON WEALD AND LADY ROSALINDA DE SANTIAGO

St. Val's

April 11-13, 2008

Florida Bible Camp

Our annual St. Val's event had to be cancelled this year due to a problem with double booking of the camp site and the inability of finding another camp site. It was decided that there would be a Baronial party later on in the year instead of this event.

St. Georges Faire

April 18-20, 2008

Camp Winona

The Canton of Mathom Trove will be sponsoring their annual St. George's Faire. We hope that you all friends in the Barony may join us there. As with every year, there will be a Crested Helm Prize Tourney. Every fighter who participates in the Tourney is allowed to choose a wonderful item from the prize table. There will be a Baston Tourney immediately after the Crested Helm Tourney which is a fundraiser, with the proceeds going to the Land Fund. Also scheduled is the Borgia memorial Bocce Tournament. Feast will consist of appetizers – The Savory: pickled eggs, ham, assorted cheeses, pork and beef sausages, and pumpnickel bread. The Sweet: Molded fresh cheese, candied ginger, candied orange peel, quince paste, Spanish almonds and saffron wafers. First course is Meadow Salad with mint vinaigrette or creamy dill dressing; soup of pork and fennel sausage and dumplings. Second course is Roast lamb, herbed spaetzle and spiced peas. Next course is roast pork loin, dumplings with mushrooms and asparagus. Then there is chicken, saffron rice and roast carrots. For dessert there will be lemon cheesecake, strawberry tart, raspberry tart and peach cake. The Autocrat is Mistress Ysabela de Palma y Majorea, the feastcrat is Mistress Muerenn ingen Ui Ceilleachair. Submitted by Mistress

Natalija Varvara Stoianova, An Crosaire Historian

AS XXXXIII

AN CROSAIRE OFFICERS

Baron and Baroness: Sir Turoid Dunstan Arminger & Mistress Barb-hah-rah

Seneschal: Lady Signy Ottarsdottir

Exchequer: Lord Jebe Kerait
Herald: Master Rurik Petrovitch Stoianov
Hospitaller: Lord Quaratai Kereyid
Minister of Arts & Science: Lady Anne of Blackthorne
Constable: Hallr Dunkr
Marshal: Lord Ivan "Vanya" Volkovich
Archery Marshal: Abbi
Rapier Marshal: none
Chronicler: Lady Margreth Godeschal von Zedtwitz
Historian: Mistress Natalija Varvara Stoianova

CANTON OF MATHOM TROVE OFFICERS

Seneschal: Baron Taliesynne
Dep. Seneschal: Elizabeth of Middlbooke
Exchequer: Mistress Marie
Herald: Lady Teda of Grandin
Hospitaler: Kurzan
Minister of Arts/Sci: Baroness Teamhair
Web Minister: Lord Oshaya de Carcassonne

Trimaris Memorial Tourney

May 23-26, 2008

Camp Ocala

TMT was presented by the Barony of Oldenfeld. The event stewards were Baron Simon Maurus and HL Grainne Ni Aileen O Cearhaille. The feastcrats were Baroness Mairi Ceilidh and Baroness Adsiltia Filia Honorii. The Heirs to the throne were Thorstenn II and Zephyrine II.

The wedding of Sir Turoid Dunstan Armingier, Baron of An Crosaire and Countess Dulcia MacPherson was one of the high points of this event for the members of the Barony. The members of Far Flung and Crimson Fist, along with the members of the Barony of An Crosaire decided that this wedding was entirely too much fun not to get involved with. The wedding was beautifully done, with a period ceremony researched by Dulcia. There was a feast afterward for all the participants and guests with so much scrumptious food and a wonderfully decorated hall.

Awarded at Court:

The Watchful Flame to Ian Larsson

Submitted by Mistress Natalija Varvara Stoianova, An Crosaire Historian

Summer Art/Sci

June 6-8, 2008

Florida Bible Camp

Our remarkable musical duo HL Amalthea von Thunger (Molly) and Aibhilin inghean Daibhidh walked off with the Mask Laureate bells

Awarded at Court

AOA to Victoria of An Crosaire

Tradewinds Trimaris to Mistress Natalija Varvara Stoianova

Submitted by Mistress Natalija Varvara Stoianova, An Crosaire Historian

Baronial Revel

June 14, 2008

Home of Rurik and Ceridwen

This was the party we decided to have instead of St. Val's. We had a wonderful turn out with approximately 35 people in attendance. Rurik held a class on making mead. Natasha held an embroidery class. Barb-hah-rah taught cord making. Generally everyone just ate and talked and had a social gathering. Sir Turoid birthday was celebrated. Since he did not want a cake he was presented with his requested Key Lime pie

Submitted by Mistress Natalija Varvara Stoianova, An Crosaire Historian

Fall Coronation

August 29 – Sept 1, 2008

Camp Ocala

The Barony of An Crosaire presents the Coronation of Thorstenn II and Zephyrine II. Scheduled are heavy weapons Lysts, light weapons Lysts, youth combat, archery competition, the Troubadour Laureate competition, and children's activities. There were many classes scheduled for this event and the An Crosaire members who taught were HL Amalthea von Thunger and Aibhilin inghean Daibhidh who taught Bardic 101 and 102; Mistress Natalija who taught Introduction to Embroidery and Beginning Embroidery. The Troubadour Laureate competition was won by HL Amalthea von Thunger

Submitted by Mistress Natalija Varvara Stoianova, An Crosaire Historian

From the Event Steward, Master Rurik Petrovitch Stoianov

First, I need to thanks all the people who planned, purchased, and prepared all the wonderful food for this weekend...

- a... Food Purchasing Coordinator - Mistress Ceridwen o Cahercommaun
- b... Friday Night Travelers' Feast - Lady Signy Ottasdottir
- c... Saturday and Sunday Breakfast - Mistress Ceridwen o Cahercommaun
- d... Saturday Lunch and Feast - Lord Gunther McCardy Brighthawk of Shining Glen
- e... Sunday Lunch and Feast - Lord Qatari Kereyid
- f... Portions of feasts also provided by - Baroness Dianna Wyndalan of Kidwelly called Wolfmother, Mistress Ceridwen o Cahercommaun, Ysabeau Durant, HL Fionnuala MacCleod

Then there are all the people who served in other crat staff positions...

- a.. Reservation Steward: Raynagh nic Shane
- b... Gate Steward: Catriona ni Loinsigh
- c... Site Herald: Siobhan ni Cleirigh and Sebastian von Mainz
- d... Sanitation Steward: Lord Angus Graham

Lady Emer ni Maeabh served as Class Steward and also ran the children's activities on Sunday and did a magnificent job with both!

The list of volunteers who helped all these people during the course of the event would be impossible to try and name, however, there are three groups who deserve special mention. On Saturday the Darkwater players, along with the Pirates, came in and cleaned the kitchen after feast. On Sunday night Clan Far Flung brought a small army to clean up after feast. Without their

giving of time and service the feast crew would have been faced with several hours more work beyond the 18 hours they had already been in the kitchen.

I am very proud to be part of the Barony of An Crosaire. Throughout the course of the weekend every member of our Barony was working hard to help make the event more enjoyable for all the attendees.

If you had a good time at Coronation, if you found your event to be free from problems, if you found the food to be plentiful and well prepared, then it is the above named people who deserve your thanks. Though I was the event steward, I could have accomplished nothing without them. Submitted by Master Rurik Petrovitch Stoianov

Fort McCoy School Demo September 18, 2008

Ft McCoy FI

The Shire of Amurgorod hosted an awesome demo at the Ft McCoy Community school on Friday with a nice number of participants from An Crosaire in Attendance. Lee Scott, the SCA member and teacher at the school did a terrific job organizing the attendance so that the numbers were rarely difficult to present to or deal with. This is no small feat considering that there were over 1300 children in attendance over the full school day, and included children from Kindergarten to the eighth grade.

Lady Uesugi Yamaneko and her crew from Amurgorod organized the "fair" into easy to manage stations demonstrating domestic and military displays from the middle ages. The presentation was very educational and the SCA was presented in a positive manner and very well received. I received compliments from the teachers and staff on our professionalism and the knowledge we had on this period of history. The fighters endured the heat and the sun to put on a wonderful demonstration, though I think the biggest hit of the day was the trebuchet! There is nothing like a big war machine to attract attention!

So a great big thank you to everyone who came out to help, I know it is not easy to take time off on a work or school day. Your participation helped make this a school day event that these children will not be forgetting for quite some time! Submitted by Lady Signy Ottarsdottir, Seneschal An Crosaire

Village Faire September 19 - 21, 2008 Camp Ocala

Good Gentles, it is time once again to attend the Village Faire. There will be classes for one and all to enjoy, as well as a fine tournament to determine a new Baron's Champion. For those who wish to show your artistic skills and research there will be a no documentation needed Arts and Sciences competition. So bring your thirst for knowledge, love of the arts, and respect for our fighters to the Village Faire. Autocrat is Lady Elena Maria Alonso, reservations with Lord Herman Van Brugghe and feastrats is Lord Lione De La Rochelle.

Many from An Crosaire attended this event directly from the Ft. McCoy demo. Classes that were taught by our members were: Bardic "Can you hear me now?" and "Filks on

the fly.” By HL Amalthea von Thungen and Aibhilin inghean Daibhidh; “16th century German military women’s clothing” by HL Amalthea von Thungen; “Basic Sewing Guidelines”, “Basic T Tunic”, and “Necklines, facings & trim” by Baroness Constance de Barfleur; “Introduction to Indian Garb” and “Non-European sources for feasts” by L. Madhavi of Jaisalmer; “Introduction to miniature toys and collectibles in the SCA period” by Mistress Ceridwen o Cahercommaun. Master Rurik participated in the panel discussion on How to Autocrat and Master Rurik and Mistress Ceridwen participated in the panel discussion on How to Feastcrat. Submitted by Mistress Natalija Varvara Stoianova, An Crosaire Historian

Michaelmas & Scriptorium

October 10-12, 2008

Camp Immokalee

An Crosaire and Castlemere had a combined event this year. The planned activities were a torch light tourney on Friday night. A heavy weapons tourney and melees, a light weapon tourney, a youth combat tourney and an archery competition. Also Lady Emer ni Maeabdh had planned children’s activities during the day and dancing for all in the evening. There are many Scriptorium classes presented by Castlemere which were received with great enthusiasm. The following were the classes offered:

Chikankari by Madhavi of Jaisalmer

Newcomers class by Baron Iefan Colledig ap Dyfural Abertawe

Shading, Jewels, Pearls and Acanthus Leaves by HL Gwenllyan verch Morgan

Introduction to Calligraphy by Iefan

Papermarbling by Aimee of Castlemere

Care and Feeding of 15th Cent Flemish Dolleries by Mistress Maeva Eriksdotter

I Write the Words by HL Gwenllyan verch Morgan

Indian Tea and Book Drool by Madhavi

Bookbinding for Hard Bound Books by Aimee

Entering Art/Sci Competition as a Scribe by Mistress Maol

Introduction to Medieval Symbolism by Baroness Yasabell Celestina Manrique de Palma

Witch’ Kitchen: Medieval Brushes by Maeva

Calligraphy Hands On by HL Iain Qwhewyl

Luttrell Psalter by Master Octavio de Flores and Mistress Mairi Ceilidh

Court bingo was played but there were too many over eager participants who started playing before court started and it wasn’t as much fun as previous games have been.

Master Rurik presented a period Roman feast which was superb. Friday night’s travelers feast was chicken stew with fresh dinner rolls. Breakfast was Scotch eggs, oatmeal and fresh fruit. Feast first remove was bread, cheese spread, black and green olives. Second was Chicken a la Fronto, sweet and sour turnips, fava beans. Next was Parthian lamb, barley polenta, fried carrots, then came pork in pastry, young cabbages with herb sauce. The dessert was honey custard and fried creamed wheat.

The Autocrat was Lord Jebe Kerait, the feastcrat was Master Rurik and reservations were handled by Lady Thalassa Knosis Submitted by Mistress Natalija Varvara Stoianova, An Crosaire Historian

Court Report

Sir Subadai announced the winner of the Captain of the Baronial Guard, Ivan Volkovich (Vanya)

2. Lord Vanya presents the Baronial Heavy Champion, Duke Mittion

3. Baroness Kenet of Ravenscourt presented the winner of the youth combat, Omac Demetrovitch
4. Lord Jebe presented the winner of the Baron's bowman tournament as Honorable Lady Mar of Unst.
5. Aibhilin presented the winner of the bard of the crossroads competition as Ivan Volkovich (Vanya)
6. Lady Signy present a thank you scroll to Castlemere, seneschal Honorable Lord Ennis McLowthys
7. The ring of chivalry was presented to Lord Vanya
8. The ring of chivalry was presented to Raynah nic Shane
9. A Serpents Torque was present to Abbe of North Malden (previously passed 2 years ago but not given yet)
10. A Serpent's Torque was presented to Caitriona Nr Loinsigh
11. A Serpent's Torque was presented to Raynah nic Shane
12. A Serpent's Torque was presented to Angus Graham
13. A Serpent's Torque was presented to HL Amalthea von Turgen
14. The Cross and Serpent was presented to Lady Signy Ottarsdottir
14. The Cross and Serpent was present to Lord Vanya
15. A Serpent's Gem was given to Gunther McCarty Brighthawk of Shiny Glen
16. A Serpent's Gem was given to Aibhilin inghean Dabhidh
17. Lord Jebe turned over the Exchequers office to Raynah
18. Lord Jebe gave thanks to everyone who helped with the event.

Submitted by Master Rurik Petrovitch Stoianov, An Crosaire Herald