



NOREK'S TAILS

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MAY edition

CHRONICLER'S WELCOME

As written by the great Abd Malik Abdul-Salaam

It has been bestowed upon me, this great opportunity, with utmost and sacred reason; may Allah preserve us all: and I have humbly taken up this role with honour and vigilance (by the way I will be sure to edit all sacrilegious terminology; there is only one god and Allah is his name. Now that aside I shall resume the heathen speech and get back to the unworthy ears and eyes that gaze upon this letter that is news. "Allah huma ini!" (May God have mercy on us).

On a more serious note, this year looks to be promising with some changes already made and some yet to come. I look forward to producing a great Newsletter in this coming year and hope to entertain and enthrall you all with well informed and up to date information, questions answered coming events and good ole recipes and tidbits that will tickle any damsel, lady or wench. For the men a few tactical and strategy pointers in a range of chivalry fighting styles spread through the coming Newsletters and much more. (Allah Akbar – God Willing).

Abd Malik Abdul-Salaam



CHRONICLER

DRAGON BAY SHIRE



SENESCHAL'S REPORT

Greetings unto all the good folk of Dragons Bay and of course all the other readers unto whom this missive may come.

I look forward to serving the Shire well and leading our team into further prosperity and growth. Talking of teams I welcome aboard our equally new Chronicler milord Abd Malik Abdul-Salaam whose first newsletter you are reading now, well done Malik and thank you for taking on this role for the Shire.

If you are interested in contributing to the Shires success in this way please talk to either myself or one of the other Officers who will be happy to share their knowledge on this or any other topic.

While on the topic of officers, I would like to say a very big Thank You to Sir Peter and to Lady Genevieve I have been bombarding both of these wonderful people with loads of questions and how to's, to which they have both tirelessly been giving of their knowledge and time. As a group we are very lucky to have such knowledgeable people. So Huzzah to you both from me.

It was great to see the Archery Weekender work so well and a big thank you to all who contributed so much to its success, our next event is the Feast of the Dragon in June and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Congratulations to Lady Genevieve du Montfleur who is the founding recipient of the Golden Norek our Shire token for outstanding contributions to the Shire and milord Raynald Grey Goose our new and founding Champion of the Bow. Congratulations also to those whose efforts were recently recognised with Kingdom Awards, Sir Peter a Prometheus and Lord Robert a Golden Tear. Well done all you make us proud.



Kids – print off and colour in your own Norek, prizes will be awarded at the Cooks & Brewers BBQ.



King & Queen of Lochac:

Their Majesties BRAN and LILYA royal@sca.org.au

Crown Prince and Princess of Lochac :

TBA at May Crown

THE SHIRE OF DRAGONS BAY

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Marshal (p) - Genevieve du Montfleur (Fiona)



If you are wondering how people get such recognition please ask me next time we meet and I will be happy to let you know, you could also email or ring.

Also if there is any activity you would like to see more of or run within the Shire please come along to the Shire meetings and let us know, even if there isn't anything please come along and join in, we welcome your contributions.

Wishing you all good health and happiness

Petronilla Fairwif of Horsford

SENESCHAL

DRAGON BAY SHIRE

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

- I. Pencampwr Weekend, 5th – 7th June (Abertridwr).
- II. Feast of the Dragon, 26th June (Dragons Bay).
- III. Shire Revel, 31st July (Dragons Bay).
- IV. Tournament of the Lion, 1st August (Dragons Bay).
- V. Anealan Championship Weekend, 25th to 27th September (Aneala)

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HERALD'S VOICE

Oyez! Oyez! Oyez! Greetings all,

For those who do not yet know the Shire Herald is there to help you to research, check and submit a registration for your name and device, and generally assist you through the administrative woods with all things heraldic.

I also get to make announcements at events and assist autocrats in setting up banners at halls or events. Anyone can display a banner at an event and if you are not yet sure what you want feel free to make a plain banner in on or two colours and let it be seen, alternatively you could paint up a Norek banner in your favourite colours and fly that to show your support of the Shire, as you can never have enough banners.

If you wish to register a name and device please talk to me and I will endeavour to explain what is needed.

Some Basic Heraldic Terms

Metals: Or is yellow or gold, Argent is white, silver or grey

Colours: Sable is black, Azure is blue, Vert is green, Gules is red

Lines of divisions: Per Pale is divided vertically, Per Fess is divided horizontally, Quarterly is divided horizontally and vertically, and per Saltire is divided into four with two crossing diagonal lines.

Generally you cannot have a metal on a metal or a colour on a colour



Sir Peter

Proposed Herald

The Herald's badge is Vert, two Trumpets in Saltire, bells uppermost Or.

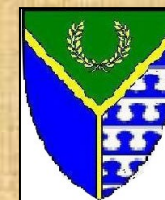


OUR WESTERN SHORES NEIGHBOURS

Shire of Boesenberg: (Bunbury)

Seneschal: Elspeth the Wyse (Lizzie – 0438610006)

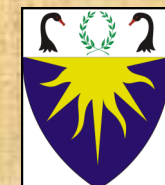
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Canton of Aachenfeld (North of Swan River)

Seneschal: Catalina de Gata – (Tex 0423198462)

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College of St Basil the Great (UWA)

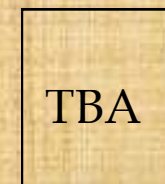
Seneschal: Gillian Attwood –

silly_filly2002@hotmail.com



College of St Lazarus (Murdoch Uni)

Seneschal: Alex (Christopher) mrhellcat@gmail.com



On taking account of the tales thus told and in consultation with records kept by the surprisingly erudite barbarians it was revealed to our very own Seneschal and Herald that among the noble archers of Dragons Bay assembled for that purpose one had indeed distinguished themselves by amassing a tally that exceeded the splendid efforts of all others from our magnificent Shire.

Thus did the herald draw breath and cry out the name of milord Raynald Grey Goose as the victor on this most auspicious day and his singular right to be the first to claim the title Champion of the Bow.

In Service,

Petronilla

SENESHCAL

DRAGON BAY SHIRE



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Currently we are without an Arts & Sciences Officer, if you are interested in this office please contact the Deputy Seneschal milady Petronella (See regnum).

Open Arts & Sciences Workshops

Scheduled fortnightly

Location: Langridge Outpost in Orelia.

Come join us in a night of information and production. A wonderful evening of discussions on Sewing Techniques, Armouring, Calligraphy/Illumination, Woodwork, Leatherwork or perhaps consulting about Names & Heraldry.

Further information can be obtain by contacting Sir Peter Degaunt

Cooks & Brewers Guild

Held monthly at various households in the Shire.

A meeting of the fledgling Shire Cooks Guild, where you can bring along a medieval dish to be sampled by the cooks present and contributing to your guild ranking. We also taste and consider any brewing projects and failing either of these please come along and throw something on the BBQ and join in.

Please discuss with Lady Genevieve or milady Pertronilla

Dancing Practice

We are currently negotiating about a venue, and we hope to be running dance practice every Tuesday shared between Rockingham and Kwinana on a fortnightly basis.

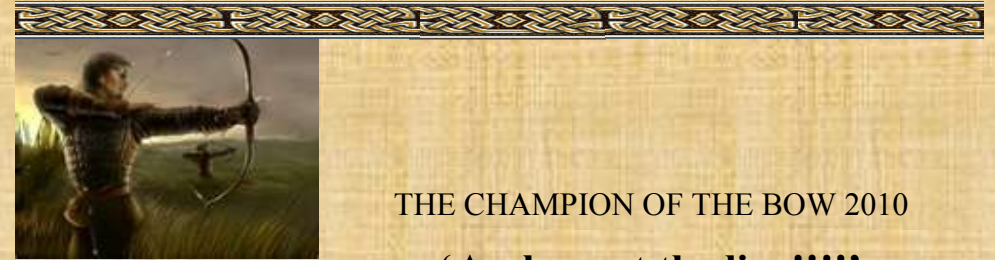
If you are at all interested in medieval dance please contact Lady Genevieve.



HOSTING A MEETING

To host a meeting or workshop check with the relevant officer or Seneschal as to what requirements there are re space or other resources and then bring your proposal along to the Shire meeting. You could also discuss it on the yahoo list.

Local Activities	MAY		JUNE	
AMOURING & A&S 	Saturday 8th 1.30 – 4.30 Peter's Place 21 Langridge Cres, Orelia	Saturday 22nd 1.30 – 4.30 Peter's Place 21 Langridge Cres, Orelia	Pencampwr Weekend, Wandi 5th – 7th June (Abertridwr).	Feast of the Dragon, Medina Hall 26th June (Dragons Bay).
SHIRE MEETING 	Monday 17th 7.00 – 9.30pm Petronilla's Place 10 Solandra Court Waikiki		Monday 21st 7.00 – 9.30pm Location TBA	
COOKS & BREWERS BBQ 	Saturday 22nd 5 – 9.30 Location TBA (Offers anyone)		Saturday 19th 5 – 9.30pm Location TBA (Offers anyone)	



THE CHAMPION OF THE BOW 2010

‘Archers at the line!!!!’

Greetings to the good Folk of Dragons Bay,

Be it known that on the 25th day of April in the wild lands of Teedermully beyond the borders of our fair Shire of Dragons Bay did assemble a company of archers intent on proving their worth and contesting amongst themselves to see who would stand out by their skill at bow.

Hardly one day before on the 24th day of April they had proved themselves able at the butts and thus assured of their skill the Officers of the Shire did bid them enter the woods and seek out game so that they may show what abilities they truly possessed and provide food for the poor and enrich the tables of the nobles with delicate and choice morels.

Aided by cunning foresters recruited from the barbarian tribe of northern Boesenberg they did enter the forest and stalk game both wild and wise. Far did they roam and many were the targets that presented themselves, revealed by the cunning skills of the locals and felled by the combined prowess of our own lethal archers.

Far did they range seeking out all manner of beasts and tests of their mettle, up hills and down dales navigating cliffs and treacherous paths, ghosting through the wooded glades and shady bowers with skills worthy of Diana herself, their progress only marred by the crashing fall of some hulking Knight who mistaking a grassy hillside for his bed laid himself down in premature rest.

Shrugging off such distractions and followed along in some instances by infants our mighty archers did follow the heroes path unto its very end and what tales they did tell of wild and ferocious beast that had fallen



SHIRE SPEAKS

VENUE STILL SOUGHT

If anybody knows of an inexpensive meeting place please let me know, as I am looking into the viability of the Shire holding meetings and such in a hall or meeting room again. Ideally it has to be central, available, have plenty of parking be easy to find and inexpensive.

The pluses are; that a public venue can be less intimidating for a new person to come along too for the first time, and available space is more generally useable for a variety of activities e.g. meetings, dancing, sewing etc...

The possible down side is the meeting needs to be well support by the group otherwise it can become a financial burden and a waste of time and resources, so when calculating divide the cost by the number of people likely to turn up.

Nothing definite yet but it pays to think and plan ahead

For further details and information please contact Seneschal.



SHIRE MEETING

The meetings are fun and as long as we can get through any required business by 9.30 it doesn't have to be tedious or serious, so I encourage everybody who can make it to turn up to these meetings so that your voice can be heard and Dragons Bay remains a group that caters to the needs of everybody involved.

These meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, to decide on issues such as group finances a quorum of the Seneschal or Reeve plus 2 other officers is required.

Anyway that's about it for now so until next we meet may good fortune be yours to share and may you and yours be happy and healthy.



LINKS THAT RAISE A BROW

A Study of Cooking Tasks, Methods, and Equipment in the Renaissance Kitchen.

<http://www.katjaorlova.com/MedievalKitchenEquipment.htm>

Ninth- and Tenth-Century Viking Foodstuffs.

<http://www.cs.vassar.edu/~capriest/vikfood.html>

Elizabethan Food and Drink .

<http://www.springfield.k12.il.us/schools/springfield/eliz/elizfood.html>

The Crusader and Ayyubid Period (1099-1250 CE).

<http://jeru.huji.ac.il/ef1.htm>

No Eels, Please! Non-Weird Period Food.

<http://www.katjaorlova.com/NotWeird.htm>



RANDOM LINKS or ITEMS of INTEREST

A beginners' guide to the Latin used in documents between 1086 and 1733. It is the first online tutorial to help you learn the Latin from this period. The tutorial covers the period between 1086 and 1733, when Latin was the official language of documents written in England.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/latin/beginners/>

KINGDOM ARTS & SCIENCE

COMPETITIONS

May Crown XLV (2010).

Tournament hosted by Barony of Rowany

Item of clothing or armor re-created from a portrait / illumination / woodcut



A Blacksmithed item & Performance of a song in rounds

Midwinter XLV (2010) hosted by Barony of Ildhafn

A carved item (email entries are encouraged if there is an issue with quarantine).

Gardening - a treatise on the properties of a perfumed plant (in the style of Culpepper).

November Crown XLV (2010).

Tournament Hosted by Barony of Aneala

Lace Making.

Glass - an item of glassware or stained glass.

Aprons for working people (i.e., craftspeople, smiths, cooks).

About judging Arts & Sciences competitions; I won't reinvent the wheel here is the Kingdom web site that explains it all.

<http://www.lochac.sca.org/artsandsciences/cp-judging.html>



Shire Competitions

Monthly Cooks Guild competition held at the Cooks & Brewers BBQ.

Books of interest:

The 21 Lessons of Merlyn—A Study in Druid Magic & Lore. Author: Douglas Monroe/Llewellyn Publications 1992.

Coming issue.

Herbs and Healing Herbs; The 16 Leeches of Diancecht. A must for those involved in Herb Guilds and Cooks Guilds.



NOREK'S RIDDLE

"No living being is strong to it or weak from it."

"It overwhelms us and is common in all."

"When missed it brings longing when given ay it comes back."

"A disease its known to be and yet cures the dying heart."

"Yet eternal it may be it dies when ash we come."

"What am I?"

Answers to be published on the yahoo list please, a chocolate prize to the first correct answer posted.

I have been a spotted snake on a hill.
 I have been a wave breaking on the beach.
 On a boundless sea I was set adrift...
 Then for nine months I was a little Gwion
 in the womb of Caridween,
 and at length was Taliesin.
 I have been at the throne of the distributor.
 I have stood high upon the white hill.
 I was fluent before being gifted with speech.
 I have been teacher to all intelligences.
 I have singly built the tower of Nimrhod.
 I am the Tetragrammaton.
 I am a wonder whose origin is not known.

I shall be until the day of doom upon the earth, and it is not known whether my body is
 flesh or fish.

Learned druid, prophesy of Arthur? Or is it me they celebrate?



(This version comes from the BOOK OF
 PHERRYLLT).

ON HISTORICAL CULTURE & MYTHOLOGY

"Even as a child of Saracen decent and spawn of Moorish bloodline I took great interest in global history and the culture that spanned through the ages. I ventured into mysticism and into their religious traditions but mostly because it had a nurturing earth feel to it and this led to other areas of interest that span across the globe. Here are some interesting pieces of information based on numerous areas of history and mythology & with some support from our members ; please feel free to contribute."

"Allah Akbar "(God Willing).

-Abd Malik Abdul-Salaam/Chronicler-

ON CELTIC DRUIDS



Celtic Druidism practiced Natural Lore and with this formed many rites to practice their belief in their lives. This so called unique group of people gave their entire life to their natural surroundings and the spirits that lived within.

In THE BOOK OF PHERRYLLT it lists nine so called RITES OF ASSUMPTION, druidic visualisation exercises that helped in tapping into the raw, natural archetypal realms. 3 of these rites have been named for the purpose of those readers who might wish to tie in more closely with the elemental magical world of the Celts.

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With rites comes poetry and prose and true druidic poetry has always been built on intense and colourful imagery, like picture painting with words. Because of this emphasis on prose/poetry/verse within their teaching system an entirely new rank emerged from them solely dedicated to this ideal of expression; the Bards.

The Illumination Of Rhymes was the process in which the poetry became imbued with the magic. This technique involved becoming one with the forces of nature by intense imagery and visual imagination; being able to see in one's mind actually becoming one with the pictures/elemental forces themselves.

This was done by careful meditative practice over a period of time with the proper conditions. Often a creative surrounding was needed to compliment the poetry/rite in order to make the assumption easier. Location and condition of environment was very important. Time of day/night/dawn or dusk, full moon or new and external atmosphere by use of incense or aromatics.

The closer their environment matched the Assumption Prose the easier it became for them to slip into that particular archetype. The 'Song of Taliesin' is a widely recited spiritual affirmation that evoked personal power and is the first part of one of the 3 Rites of Assumption.



SONG OF TALIESIN

Primary bard to Elphin am I

and my country is the region of the summer stars.

Many have called me Merddin,

but at length every man will call me Taliesin!

I have been a herdsman, and travelled over the earth.

I have slept in a hundred islands, guest of a hundred kings.

I have dwelt in a hundred cities.

For a year and a day, I was in Fetters....

I have been a fierce bull and a yellow buck.

I have been a boat upon the sea.

I have been the foam of water.

I have been a drop in the air.

I have journeyed high as an eagle.

I have been a tree-stump in a shovel.

I have been an axe in the hand.