

The Compass Rose

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Winter '18

Upcoming Shire Events

Local ongoing meet-ups and practices (check the Kings Crossing FB page for added events or cancellations):

- Figther Practice:** On hiatus until mid-spring.
- Sittius' Medieval Makerspace:** Available throughout the week. Please, contact Sittius to get directions and to arrange times to use space.
- Aethlawald Regional Muster Kings Crossing:** May 6th @ 11:00am-5:00pm Location: South Strabane Community Park
- **SCA Library Classes:** Coming this spring. Watch the Kings Crossing FB page for dates and times
- Cooking Guild-** More meets coming this spring. Watch the Kings Crossing FB page for dates and times.

Upcoming Local Kingdom Events

Access the full event calendar at aethelmearc.org

- Tournament of White Hart XXI:** March 2nd 5:00pm thru March 4th 11:00am, Location: Barboursville, WV
- Blackstone Raid XXVII:** April 26th 5:00pm thru April 29th 12:00pm, Location: Ripley, WV
- Aethelmearc War Practice:** May 17th 12:00pm thru May 20th 3:00 pm, Location: Slippery Rock, Pa

Shire of Kings Crossing Officers

Seneschal: Lord Jodocus van Cleeff
Herald: Lady Dominique Von Weissenthurn
Knight Marshal: Lord Thrain of Riki
Chronicler: Lady Katie Whyte
Exchequer: Lady Bryanna Eileen Taith-lach
Webminister: THL Sven Tyrvisson
A&S: Lady Katerina das Vogelein
Please see our Kings Crossing Facebook group for contact details and information.

Learn more about The Society for Creative Anachronism, including the history and how to join at sca.org

All Went to the Polls

Congratulations to Lord Jodocus “Joost” van Cleeff for being voted in as Seneschal of the Shire of Kings Crossing. We all know you are going to do a great job. Vivat!

If anyone is interested in taking on an officer position within the Shire, please, be sure to attend our monthly meetings. This will not only keep you up to speed, but will also know what positions are open and/or coming available.

Elation and Elevation

A great deal can be said about this year's Region 1 Twelfth Night celebration hosted by the Shire of Misty Highlands! This event was bursting at the seams with so much to not only participate in, but to be entertained by. The event started out with our wonderful King and Queen holding a morning court to greet all who came to celebrate alongside them during this joyous holiday event. This morning court was also the start of a day of contemplation for our very own THL Donnchadh; who would by the end of the day be welcomed most graciously into the Order of the Pelican. As morning court ended and Donnchadh was ushered off to his fortress of solitude where he would receive counsel from all who come near and far, the celebration took flight.

As the side tables filled with A&S entries and the vigil sideboard offered tasty treats for those processing with Donnchadh. Armored warriors took action during the day's tournaments. It was a great display of skill to behold from all who entered. A common theme that carried through not only the tournaments, but other events that ran throughout the day was a theme of good sportsmanship, encouragement, and genuine-

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merriment. This was very obvious during the Feats of Strength event ran by SCA newcomer, Paul of the North. Lords and Ladies participated and encouraged all who entered... Some with a small wager on the side. It was a great thing to bear witness to. Every face in the hall was glowing with anticipation and excitement for all who dared to test their strength.

As the day progressed with games and camaraderie all who attended welcomed court with open arms. One of the highlights in this evening court for our shire in particular was the vigil for our friend Donnchadh. As the elevation began, representatives of the SCA that Donnchadh has inspired during his many years of service to the society began to process into the room. It was exceptional treat to hear the testaments of those in the Order of the Pelican who grew to their positions alongside Donnchadh. Such touching tributes full of honesty and admiration were shared for all to witness. One of the most endearing parts of the vigil was when Donnchadh and Marion's children were summoned forward to help place a specially made cloak upon his shoulders to signify his induction into the Order of the Pelican. It was a very beautiful moment for our shire and his friends.



Photos by Lady Katie Whyt of Kings Crossing & Lisa Staubly

As the elevation came to a close and court continued there were many more noteworthy moments that were not only lovely, but pulled at your heart strings. It was an event that shouldn't have been missed.

Once court came to a close the event prepared for the evening feast. Kudos to Lady McKenna Henderson for putting on such a delicious meal. She did a wonderful job keeping up a solid course pace where each course was represented beautifully. Everything she prepared for this event was very well thought out.

While all who attended enjoyed their meal many forms of entertainment was beheld from beautiful Gregorian chant, stories being told, and very talented belly dancers. As this event came to a close...it must be said that Region 1 Twelfth Night was an event that will be remembered for years to come.



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With Friends a Candlemass Begins

Graciously, we want to thank Sven and Breanna for hosting this year's Candlemass. Even though the weather was poor and a plague hit the Shire there was still a good turnout. There were twelve in attendance, two from Silva Vulcani. This year's event may have been small, but a wonderful time was had by all. There was plenty of food and merry making. Nothing is better than friends, mead, and cheddar scones. It was a very nice way to bid adieu to the holiday season.

Æthelwald Muster! War on the Horizon

Oh great warriors of Æthelmarc, the southern regional army, Æthelwald needs you! There will be a Regional Muster hosted within the borders of the Shire of Kings Crossing on May 6th at the South Strabane Community Park. The muster begins at 11 AM and runs until 5PM. Grab your sword, spear and shield. Meet your brothers and sisters on the field to prepare for the Known World's great armies at the upcoming PENNSIC War. During the day there will also be Arts & Sciences activities to greet both SCA members and the public. We invite you to join us at this exciting event! We will be accepting donations to help cover the expense of the site.



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Tournament of White Hart: The Hunt

White Hart begins on Friday February 2nd in Huntington, WV. Our very own Mistress Chrestienne DeWaterdene is co-autocrat for this event. In addition, Lord Jodocus will be running the thrown weapons range. The range will open Saturday, March 3rd at 9AM and close at 4PM. There will be a scored thrown weapons competition during those hours, so stop by practice and then throw for score anytime within that timeframe. There will be a specialty spear target that matches the theme of the event. We look forward to seeing our shire well represented at the event!



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