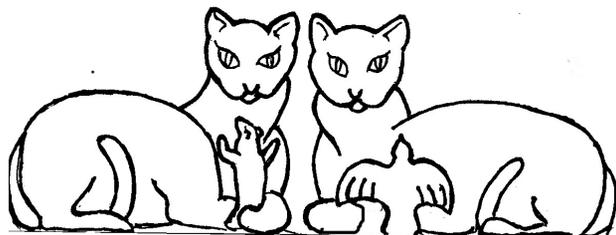


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Greetings from your Seneschal!

At the October moot, we put into practice the suggestions brought up at the last meeting in September. By outlining the important points ahead of time and staying on topic, we were able to keep the business part of the meeting down to one hour. (We went over Haire Affaire and still had time to discuss other things.) I would like to stick to this new moot format, so be prepared. If you have any topic or idea you would like to bring up at the next moot, just drop me a short outline of you ideas so that I can organize them all before the meeting. And don't be afraid to post your ideas to the Keep List so that the Shire can discuss them ahead of time. (This saves time, too.)

The rest of the moot was spent working on our group activity. We decided to postpone working on the Falcon's Keep favors and instead people started working on Shire banners to display in their campsite or wherever appropriate. We will most likely continue to work on these banners until they are done. (We will get to the favors at a later date.) Any ideas for future group activities are most welcome.

The next moot will also be used to formally announce candidates for the officer positions opening up in the Shire. The elections will then be done at the December moot. If you have held an office for two years or more, you should think about stepping aside to let someone else take over (as is recommended by the SCA). Deputies are good candidates because they already have some experience with the work involved with the position. If you, as an officer do not have at least one deputy, now is a good time to start looking for one. Also, anyone in the Keep who is interested in taking over an office should contact the person currently holding the position. Let's try to avoid "officer burnout" in our Shire.

Humbly yours,

Justinian

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# The Chronicler's Quill

Greetings unto the Shire of Falcon's Keep.

Our last moot was held at the home of Lady Rawnie de Douglas and lord Behn in Wisconsin Rapids. Thank you very much for your hospitality.

Our first order of business was the upcoming events. After these were mentioned we continued on to officer reports.

We discussed the Mewsletter and putting it into an electronic format. We talked about having it sent directly in an email or having it on a secured part of the website with access being controlled by a password. This will hopefully be decided within the next few months. After two years of working on the Mewsletter, I will be stepping down after this issue. Mistress Ealasaid and I worked together on this issue and she will hopefully be taking over officially after the December moot.

As many of you know there are several officers who have served in their current position for at least two years. These officers will be stepping down. Nominations were held for the following offices: Chronicler, Seneschal, and MOAS. Mistress Ealasaid was the nominee for Chronicler, lady Mary was the nominee for Seneschal, and Lady Rawnie was the nominee for MOAS. Official elections will be held at the December moot.

News on Haire Affaire is that the proposal to become a kindom event was sent in and approved. Haire Affaire will now be the Kindom of Northshield's Arts & Sciences event for 2007. Because of this, we will be having both sets of royalty attend. Mistress Ealasaid has a resin mold shaped like a bunny to make the tokens for Haire Affaire. They will be some form of gingerbread.

Hope to see everyone at the next moot.

Sincerely,

*Lady Emily Ambrose.*

Fighter practices for both Rapier and Armored will be held on Monday night at UWSP in the Quandt Gym balcony and Room 154. See the website for directions.

## Web pages of interest:

[www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org)

[www.northshield.org](http://www.northshield.org)

[www.falconskeep.org](http://www.falconskeep.org)

[www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/falcon/index.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/falcon/index.htm)

## DECEMBER MOOT

The December moot will be held on Sunday, December 16, 2006 at the home of Lady Anatolia and Auden the Black in Wisconsin Rapids. The address is 241 Plover St.

**From the West:** Take Highway 13 into Wisconsin Rapids. When you come to Riverview Expressway, cross it and continue straight ahead on Grand Ave. Go straight to the second stop light and turn right onto Jackson St. Continue across the bridge and take a left at the end of the bridge and keep left at the next light. Keep following this road, up the river past the church on your right and turn left at the corner after it onto Plover St. The house is just down the block.

**From the East:** Take Highway 54 west into Wisconsin Rapids and turn right onto Washington and Baker St exit. Continue for about 6 blocks until you reach 11<sup>th</sup> St and turn right. 11<sup>th</sup> St runs into Plover St as it curves down the hill. Drive a block or two until you reach the house.

**CALENDAR**

**December 2006 (AS XLI)**

- 9 - Boar's Head: Kristkindlmarkt [Caer Anterth Mawr - West Bend, WI]
- 16 - Yuletide: Midnight at the Oasis [Noiregarde - Spearfish, SD]
- 16 - Moot [Falcon's Keep - Wisconsin Rapids]

**January 2007 (AS XLI)**

- 6 - Rumble In The Forest [Coille Stoirmeil - Wilton, WI]
- 13 - 12th Night: Shakespeare's Mid-Winter Dream [Nordskogen - Marine, MN]
- 13 - Twelfth Night [Schattentor - Rapid City, SD]

**February 2007 (AS XLI)**

- 13-19 - Estrella War XXIII [Atenveldt - Florence, AZ]
- 17 - Lupercalia [Rivenwood Tower - Nicollet, MN]
- 18-19 - Une Fete d'Amour [Midewinde - Minot, ND]

**March 2007 (AS XLI)**

- 3 - An Artful Haire Affaire [Falcon's Keep - Marshfield, WI]
- 11-18 - Gulf Wars XVI [Gleann Abhann - Lumberton, MS]
- 23-25 - Bardic Madness [Caer Anterth Mawr - Wautoma, WI]

**April 2007 (AS XLI)**

- 14 - Northshield Spring Coronation [Silfren Mere-Rochester, MN]
- 20-22 - Silver Forest Ball [Coille Stoirmeil-Tomah, WI]



After nearly 4 years, I will be passing on the office of MOAS to Rawnie de Douglas. I have been heartened to see the skills that exist in members of our group and the work that has been accomplished, such as the Newcomers Chest presented at Crown, the improvement in period cooking since the institution of the Iron Chef at moots, the making of much garb and armor, and the demos at the Chestnut Street Center for the Arts. As I have only partially met my goals of encouraging artistic endeavors within the Shire, I hope that all of you will help her so that Arts and Scaince can continue to develop within the shire. specifically, it would be most helpful to her if any who have a skill in the arts or sciences or who wish to learn a new skill contact her so that she can help match up those who can teach with those who wish to learn.



**LAMB'S WOOL**

Next crowne the bowle full  
 With gentle Lamb's Wooll;  
 adde sugar, netmeg and ginger;  
 With store of ale too;  
 And thus must ye doe  
 To make the Wassaille a swinger.

Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

1 1/2 lbs apples, cored, Bake at 375 for 45 minutes or till they burst. Peel and squash the pulp. Heat 1 quart ale in a large pot. whisk in the apple pulp, 1 Tbsp or more sugar, 1/2 tsp each ground ginger and ground nutmeg. Adjust spices and sugar to taste and serve warm.

## The View from the Watch Tower

Papa Stefano

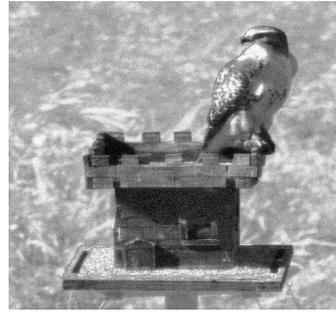
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One of Earth Mother's most enjoyable gifts is children's laughter. I cannot resist it, and I would bet most of you cannot either. It is also hard to resist watching a Daddy trying to evoke a giggle or smile with fingers as large as the baby's arm. Tough warriors turn to silliness when confronted with a Person smaller than their gauntlets.

Babies of all kinds are designed to evoke protective feelings as a function of survival. I can usually tell by looking at almost any one that it is an infant. I suspect it works better the closer we are to the specie, at least for me, and it seems that it works quite well. I do not know if it is conditioning or something embedded in my L-brain, or a little of both, that urges me to welcome them into the world. A very satisfying pastime, indeed, one that I never tire of.

There is an added benefit to bonding with these wonderful emerging Persons. One day in the not so distant future they will be our Sovereigns, soldiers, artisans and supporters. Life is so pleasant when all of our Cousins can turn a friendly face toward us, and their season is approaching faster than we know.

Winter solstice is going to occur right on time. Our beloved Kingdom is, or should be, covered with a lovely blanket of snow. Earth Mother continues Her symphony beneath the snow and frost and we continue ours indoors by the



hearth and in the workroom. We spend some of this slower time reviewing the year past and planning the year coming with folk of like minds.

Here at our little corner of Paradise we usually pick our projects less by the calendar than by work or space involved. Building a portable lists field required open, bare ground. Making garb for our home-away-from-home involved both outdoor and indoor effort and was best done on longer, warmer days. Framing awards was necessarily done on a table indoors. Other Persons might plan projects to be done for certain events, or for someone's birthday. You, collectively and individually, have many spiffy gifts to share with us your gentle Cousins. Including the gift of you. Your life, your being, is a gift most precious and we are honored you choose to share it.

This is the traditional season for gifting, for sharing. We share with loved ones and dear friends. We are so fortunate to be able to do that, we sometimes forget there are some around us who are in need of a hand up. Please make an effort to ease their strife if only for a short time. Make that a gift to yourself, because it will make you feel sooo good. One of the greatest gifts my Lovely T'ressa gave to our children was baskets of necessary personal items donated to women's shelters in their names. Use your fertile imaginations, you can do magic things.

Don't forget the Birdies. Keep those feeders full!