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Greetings from your Seneschal!

The New Year has most people thinking about changes that would better their life. Things you know you should be doing, but are not quite ready to start. It gives us all a chance to start anew. I would like to suggest that we as keepers could add "Sponsor a new member" to our list of resolutions. We will have some great events this year to bring newcomers into our group.

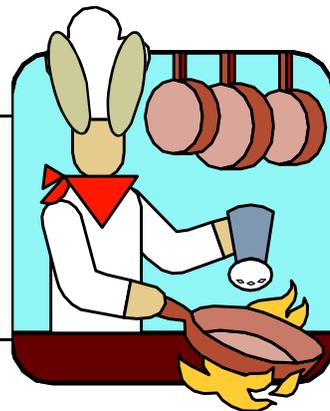
The Shire will have many challenges in the next year. In order to meet our goals and challenges we will need as much member participation as possible. There will be much planning, sweat, and hard work over the next several months. I believe the Shire is ready for the upcoming challenges. I also think as long as our lines of communication stay open and everyone keeps an open mind we will be able to achieve all we set out to do. I would like all gentles in our Shire to feel as if they have a voice. So I encourage everyone who wishes to take steps to get more involved. There will be many opportunities to do so in the near future. I would also like to thank the people who have always been there in support of the Shire whether through office, sweat, or time. They are our examples to all and thanks should not be forgotten.

I would also like to thank the Shire for the opportunity to serve as Seneschal.

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Mary of Falcon's Keep

Hare Affaire needs YOU!!!  
If you can volunteer, please email  
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# *The Chronicler's Quill*

Greetings onto the folk of the shire of Falcon's Keep,

We thank Oz the Baker and his wife for hosting the January moot. His bread and wine as well as the ham were enjoyed by those present. Future moots were discussed. The February moot has been changed to February 3 in order to avoid conflict with a certain mundane sports event. The concept of a separate Arts and Sciences moot was suggested by Rawnie (via farspeaker) and the first one was scheduled January 20 at her home in conjunction with a walk through for the Coronation site (Mead Hotel). There was also discussion of plans for Hare Affaire and afterward Janvier cast the award medallions in pewter using soapstone molds.

The Art and Science Moot covered several topics including planning for future events (Hare Affaire, Poor Man's and coronation). Reina's suggestion of a sort of tail gate party at a distance where those unable to travel to crown gather to wait for news of the outcome was well received by all present.

If you do not yet subscribe to the Mewsletter, it is never too late. This years Mewsletter is available at reduced subscription prices of \$10 for paper and \$ 5 for electronic. (We must bill for both electronic and paper since both help to support the required copies to royalty and corporate officers). Subscriptions should be sent to the Exchequer.

Thanks to all who contribute to the Mewsletter and double thanks to those who get their contributions in on time. Papa Stefano is a star in this respect! Additional contributions, especially cover art are desperately needed. I did this month's cover (as well as December) and recruited my son to do January, yet I know there are other (and probably more skilled) artists in the Shire. I also need more people to contribute to the Folk of the Shire column (an opportunity to showcase you persona).

Yours in service,

ealasaid

## ***Folk of the Shire: Reina Gunnora***

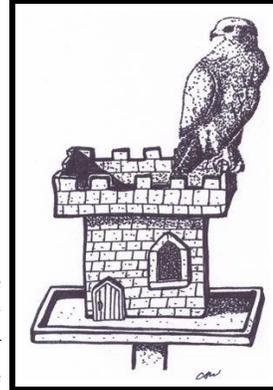
Born the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1282. I was born into a merchanting clan in the city of Reykjavik, Iceland. My family owned one of the more successful shipping companies in the city, supplying the people of Iceland with many needful items from throughout eastern Europe. At this time most companies were under the watchful eye of the Norwegian Crown. My father, Gunnar, and his descendants had traveled from Kingdom of Norway to settle here. My mother, Regina, is from Bruges, France where my father had met her during one of his expeditions. I grew up learning many Norse traditions. My favorite was listening to the local Skalds and their narrative poetry or Eddas about the heroic feats of Thor and Viking tales of old. Every year my father would attend this large meeting of all the clan members called the Thing or Althing. It was a chance for many leaders to voice their opinions, every year he would be rather grumpy for about a week so. In my younger years, I was taught by my mother all the things a woman should know about taking care of the clan. But things changed when my older brother, Thorgrim, and the ship he was on did not return from a trip to Genoa. My father needed someone to learn our family trade but my other siblings were too young yet. So reluctantly he started to teach me our family business. We contracted a new Captain at that time who would come to be a great mentor in my life. Our captain was one of the best at that time and had a knack for maneuvering through the treacherous blocks of ice that sometimes blocked our path. Volcanic eruptions would also cause problems along the coastline. In the summer of 1295 I had my first trading voyage accompanied by my father. The trip lasted about 3 weeks until we finally arrived in Bergen to trade for things such as dried fish, trees and iron. As my skills increased so did my travel and eventually throughout my life I would frequently stop in such ports as Bergen, Inverness, Paris, Marrakesh, Palermo/Messina and Alexandria. The most common items we traded and shipped were dried fish, trees/lumber, cal, wool, textiles, soap, salt, sugar and cereal grains such as wheat. Most voyages could last from a couple of weeks to months. I would throughout my years marry twice and have 5 children. In all my travels I will see so many wonders and various cultures. Being in the trading business you meet so many people from far lands which can be a great advantage to anyone. I will also see much death and sometimes horrific acts. Wars and disagreements, sometimes you need to tread carefully or it could be the death of you. During my life I will witness Christianity start to take over the ways of religion in Iceland, Volcanoes erupting, Scotland fights for its freedom strongly, a long conflict arise between France and England, a scientist and his great alchemy inventions, a writer and his works of an Inferno, horrific battles and executions, Crowns will rise and fall. In the end, my traveling ways are my doom as I and most of the crew fall ill to the plague in 1351. Our ship does not return to Iceland as to not spread he wretched black death to our lovely Isle. Ironically, in 1402, the Plague does eventually reach the shores of Iceland, leaving in its wake a destructive path of nearly one third the population dead, only 30-40,000 survive. This is a summary of the life of Reina Gunnora, I hope in the future to release some of my journal entries for your reading enjoyment. Thank you for listening.

## The View from the Watch Tower

Papa Stefano d'Amato

February 2007

Cold is the order of the season. The warmest spot for some of us may be assisting Brigit as she blesses the forges. When midwinter happens here, midsummer happens elsewhere. Earth Mother balances it out, though. Some may envy the cold those elsewhere have when we're too hot at WW or Poor Man's and they are in midwinter.



If you need an excuse to go to warmer climes, you may want to consider helping our Cousins in southern lands. Estrella War will happen in Atenveldt. Drachenwald and Lochac have happenings even farther south than that. Johannesburg, South Africa, is starting the Shire of Griffin's Tor, and The University of Auckland, New Zealand, has a proto-College of St Dionysious. I'm not so sure I could help them, but it still would be a wonderful adventure just to be there when they become full-status groups. Unfortunately I cannot go, but maybe I can convince Tempus Fugit to represent my household. I wonder if Red-Tail Hawks are protected in those areas?

The main reason I cannot go away from our Beloved Kingdom in the Winter is that I would miss Earth Mother's spectacular sunset and Northern Light shows. They are never more impressive than against the stark black and white, and never ever the same twice. As I write this in late December, there is little

snow in our corner of Paradise, but I have high hopes that will be remedied by midwinter.

One thing that always warms up my mid-February is St Valentine's Day. The Christians have developed the most pleasant way to celebrate their holidays. Christmas, New Year's, St Valentine's and St Patrick's gatherings are all huggy-kissy traditions. Just my kind of stuff. We of the Jewish and Muslim persuasion might take a cue here. There is no better food for our souls than love and compassion shown toward each other. Someday the scientific community will surely prove that, but I already know it for certain. Just look how long it has kept me going.

Soon enough the big outdoor events will begin. My Lovely T'ressa and I will attempt to make it to as many as we can. Please remark the highlights of your favorite event for us if we don't make it there. We generally try for at least one per month through the Summer months. If we're there, we're easily found. Just look for our home-away-from-home.

Our Winter is full. We have books demanding our attention, new and renewed friendships to explore and a large variety of cookies to taste-test. Coffee's ready, gotta go to work.

**only one month until the artful hare affair**



## CALENDAR

### February 2007 (AS XLI)

- 3 - Tournament of Chivalry [Coille Stormeill - Tomah, WI]
- 13-19 - Estrella War XXIII [Atenveldt - Florence, AZ]
- 17 - Lupercalia [Rivenwood Tower - Nicollet, MN]
- 17-18 - Une Fete d'Amour [Midewinde - Minot, ND]
- 17 - Hertzkreig XIII [Svaty Sebesta - Vermillion, SD]
- 24 - A Day of Squirrelly Wrath [Nordleigh, Northfield, MN]

### March 2007 (AS XLI)

- 3 - An Artful Haire Affaire [Falcon's Keep - Marshfield, WI]
- 11-18 - Gulf Wars XVI [Gleann Abhann - Lumberton, MS]
- 24 Ides of March XIV [Trewint - Huron, SD]
- 24 Northshield Heraldic and Scribal Symposium [Rockhaven - St Cloud, MN]

### April 2007 (AS XLI)

- 14-Northshield Spring Coronation [Silfren Mere-Rochester, MN]
- 20-22 - Silver Forest Ball [Coille Stoirmeil-Tomah, WI]
- 30-1 - Bardic Madness [Caer Anterth Mawr - Wautoma, WI]

### May 2007 (AS XLII)

- 5- Shire Birthday [Rockwall- Johnstown, WI]
- 12- Northshield Spring Crown [Korsvag- West Fargo, ND]
- 17-20 Quest for Camelot [Schattentor - Nemo, SD]
- 25-27 Midsummers Eve in the Highlands [Trewint, Wessington Springs, SD]
- 25-28 Ages of War: Varangian Guard [Calontir]
- 25-28 ARRG VI [Jararvellir-Montello, WI]

### June 2007

- 8-10 - Mermaids Retreat 2007:Woodland Wars-The Ultimate Surf and Turf [Turm an dem See - Valders, WI]
- 15-17 - Castle Fever [Silfren Mere - Oronoco, MN]
- 22-24 - Naadam: Schutzenfest on the Steppes [Nordskogen - Waconia, MN]
- 22-24 - Border Skirmish IV [Caer Anterth Mawr-Lakemore, IL]
- 22-24 - Thatsa Mare [Mare Amethystinum - Thunder Bay, ON]
- 29-1 - Moorish Tavern XVII [Midewinde - Bottineau, ND]

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)

**The February moot will be held at  
the home of Alex and Janvier  
623 N Ash Ave, Marshfield (715-384-9294)**

**Saturday February 3rd, 2007  
Starts at 1:00 pm  
Please bring a dish to pass.  
We will be making the site tokens for Hare Affaire**

### Directions

Coming from the Point or Rapids area, follow Hwy 10 or 13 until County Hwy A. Turn Right (north). Go straight past Hwy H, then left on Hwy Y which becomes Becker Rd. After first light go 2 blocks. Turn right on Ash . We are the last house on the right.

Coming from Wausau or Mosinee, take 29W or 153W to Hwy 97 south into Marshfield. Turn left on Franklin Ave (Just past family video). Go about 4 blocks. Ash only goes to the Right, and we are on the corner.

## FALCON'S FEED

This month I am giving 2 recipes planned for Hare Affaire. I do need kitchen help, so if interested please volunteer, Ealasaid

A Fried Meate in Haste for the Second Course

*Take a pint of Curds made tender of morning Milk pressed clean from the Whey, put to them one handful of flour, six eggs, casting away three whites, a little Rose-water, Sack, Cinamon, Nutmeg, Sugar, salt and two Pippins minced small, beat this all together into a thick batter, so that it may not run abroad; if you want wherewith to temper it, add Cream; when they are fried scrape on sugar and send them up.*

1 cup cottage cheese  
 1 tart apple peeled, cored and grated  
 1 egg + 2 yolks (or 2 eggs)  
 2 Tbsp brown sugar  
 1 tsp each sherry and rosewater  
 1/8 tsp each salt, nutmeg, cinnamon  
 1/4 cup flour

Mix well, thin with mild or cream if necessary, make thick oval fritters and fry in butter, serve topped with brown sugar.

To butter Onions

*Take apples and onions, mince the onions and slice the apples, out them in a pot, but more apples than onions, and bake them with the household bread, close up the pot with paste or paper, when you use them butter them with butter, sugar and boild currans.*

1 lb tart cooking apples, cored, peeled and sliced  
 1 white onion grated  
 2 Tbsp butter (use oil for Lenten version)  
 1 Tbsp brown sugar  
 1/2 tsp cinnamon  
 2 Tbsp raisins or currants

Simmer onions in oil until transparent, add sugar, cinnamon, and raisins. Layer apples alternating with onion mixture bake covered at 375 about 45 minutes.

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