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Grendel the Griffin makes his first appearance at Boar's Head.

He was created by Marie Dudely.

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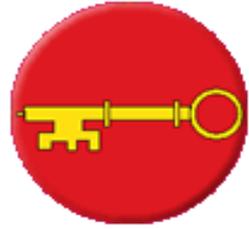
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# Greetings from the Seneschal

Greetings to all!!



Haire Affaire is coming up very quickly. The cooking moot will be held at Mistress Ealasaid's on February 7, 2010. We will be starting at around 9:00 AM. This will also be the regular business meeting, as well. Come prepared to cook.

The next moot will be at the home of Elena de Braci on January 3, 2010. We will mainly be talking about Haire Affaire.

We will be having a silent auction at Haire Affaire. If you have anything to donate, just let the autocrats know and they will get it to the appropriate person. If you are interested in teaching a class at Haire Affaire, please contact Jennifer. Her email is [beebejennifer@hotmail.com](mailto:beebejennifer@hotmail.com).

See you next time!

Arianna

## Cover Story:

The **griffin** (also spelled "**grifon**," "**gripon**," or, most commonly, "**gryphon**" and referred to in Latin as *gryphes*) is a legendary creature with the body of a lion and the head and wings of an eagle. As the lion was traditionally considered the king of the beasts and the eagle was the king of the birds, the griffin was thought to be an especially powerful and majestic creature. Griffins are normally known for guarding treasure. In antiquity it was a symbol of divine power and a guardian of the divine.

- Wikipedia, "Griffin"

# The Chronicler's Quill

Greetings unto the folk  
of the Shire of Falcon's Keep,



This Mewsletter was created by Pedro, the new chronicler. Obviously, he is ready and my job is done. It has been a privilege and (most of the time) a pleasure to serve as chronicler for the past 3 years. Thanks again to all who helped and contributed articles and artwork during my tenure. I hope the folk of the Shire will do even better for Pedro.

Thanks again, YIS,  
Ealasaid

Buenos Dias!

It has been a very interesting year, both for me and for the Shire. The coming Haire Affaire will mark my first year in the SCA. I hope to bring many more years of service to the Shire. Elena de Braci also marks her first year elsewhere in the Mewsletter.

It was also pointed out to me that this is the twentieth volume of the Mewsletter, indicating this may be the twentieth year of the Shire. I would welcome confirmation (and stories!) of this, as any anniversary warrants special celebration. It is always exciting to hear how far we have come.

Salud!

Pedro de Benavides

## Anachronists Book Review:

### Lady Eve of Lynn

I finished reading Dorothy Dunnett's *The Lymond Chronicles*, right before Thanksgiving. Just in time to start the Holiday round of baking, shopping and the rest of the end of the year festivities.

The Lymond chronicles were first published between 1961 and 1975. The series follows the adventures of Frances Crawford of Lymond for ten years. Most of the tale takes place during the reign of Queen Mary Tudor.

*The Game of Kings* introduces the reader to this Scottish outlaw out to clear his name.

*Queens Play* Takes Francis Crawford to France to protect the child Queen Mary.

In *The Disorderly Knights* our hero fights the Turkish corsairs and a villain found within the ranks of the Knights Hospitable. *Pawn In Frankincense* :Lymond is in search of a kidnapped child , cuts a path across the Ottoman empire of Suleiman the Magnificent.

*The Ringed Castle* takes Frances to the Russia of Ivan the Terrible were he tried in vain to bring order to the country.

Lymond returns to France to lead an army against England and Spain in *Checkmate* the last book in the series.





Janvier der Wassermann receives the Queen's Glove from Her Majesty Elizabeth von Kulmbach.

**ASK ALEX:**  
**"What is the Queen's Glove?"**



Alex was too modest to write this, but the award she and Janvier received at the recent Boar's Head event was the Queen's Glove.

The Queen's Glove is "given to those who demonstrate prowess and chivalric comportment in rapier combat, including a level of participation beyond their own personal endeavors." One does not necessarily win this in a tournament; it is more through dedicated service on the rapier field.

Justinian and Vincent have also received this award.

Greetings unto the shire from Pedro Benavides.

The following missive is the minutes from the meeting held at the Momma's house, on December 13, as graciously provided by the Lady Emelye.

Fighter practice will be held at the 4 Stools bar in Wisconsin Rapids, from 10 AM to 6 PM on December 27, a Sunday. Food will be made available.

Haire Affaire will be held on February 13, 2010.

Vincent reported that there are two new fencing masks for the Keep and he is working on fabric for some new tunics.

Justinian stated that the domesday is done and the fighter roster has been updated as much as possible. He is also working on ideas for Haire Affaire tournaments.

Pedro will be taking over the Mewsletter with the February issue. Please try to get things in to him in a timely manner.

The permission to publish form is now online. Robert the Mailer has been also working on the website and changing the backgrounds and updating the member list. Elena will be working as Robert's deputy on the website. They are working on the member's page and a list view option. If you would like a picture included, please email it to the webminister.

If you have any demo information, please get it to Marie Dudely, our Chatelaine.

Ysabella is working on making a champion's fencing cloak. It will be part of the regalia for the shire champion and will be able to be used on the field.

Rogan has all of the pieces for new list fields for both armored and rapier.

The cooking moot for Haire Affaire will be on February 7 at Mistress Ealasaid's home. We will be starting at 9:00. This will also be the February moot.

The January moot will be at Elena's home in Wausau on January 3.

The lunch for Haire Affaire will be provided by the Canton of Coille Stoirmeil.

We are looking at purchasing extra tables for Haire Affaire as well as prices for linen table cloths.



## A Year and Counting

Wow how the year has flown by...We are fast approaching our year anniversary of being involved with the SCA and proud members of Falcon's Keep.

As I look back on the year, a smile appears on my face when I think of all I have learned and the wonderful friends I have made.

I first contacted Alessandro back I believe in February of 2008 wanting to get involved with the SCA. I attended a handful of rapier practices but due to my poor health I took a break from the fighting practices at least until I build up my muscle and strength until I can hold a sword without getting dizzy or blacking out..

My first event was A Haire Affaire of the Heart..Thanks to Alsi for lending me the garb for our first event and to Falcon's Keep for Zsolt loaner garb..I wanted to help in the kitchen but unfortunately Zsolt took over the help which allowed me the free time to spend with new friends and to attend some classes..Even though I wasn't able to eat too much due to my stomach issues at the time, the food and the company was amazing.

Then it was time to get ready for Poorman's. I wasn't sure if attending would be an issue only a month after my second major surgery, but I was determined to attend having not been able to go camping any other time this year...I spent a few weeks working on making some basic tunics and pouches for both Zsolt and I so that we would not need to borrow garb...Finally Poorman's was here! What a fun weekend it was even with all the rain..I took in a few classes and checked out the merchants, made a few purchases, watched some fighting and hung with our friends...

The last event we attended this year was Boar's Head, our first non-shire event..The drive down was long and cold but boy was it fun. Again we spent time with friends and browsed the merchants stalls making a few purchases. Lady Emelye taught me how to do Kumihimo braiding, and I managed to try my hand at some embroidery on my tunic...

Throughout the year besides learning a bit about rapier fighting, I learned to sew both men's and women's tunics, pouches, and a Viking apron dress. I taught myself to embroider (even though it looks like a newbie did it, because I am a newbie), learned Kumihimo braiding, and made my first cordial (blueberry and boy I can't wait to try it). I learned pewter casting, and Celtic Knotwork, and I also managed to make my own duct tape dress form.

All in all it has been a wonderful year with the SCA, and I can not wait for my second year in to learn even more Arts & Sciences as well as build up strength to fight rapier. I will be autocrating my first event this year, 2010's Haire Affaire, and hopefully we will be able to attend more events outside our Local Group. And last but not least, I am excited to continue working on my A&S 50 Challenges and develop my persona even more..

Thank you to everyone in the Shire and the Kingdom who have helped make my first year in the SCA fantastic..I look forward to getting to know you all even more in the years to come..

Sincerely,  
Elena de Braci

# Members in the Candle Light

By: Marie Dudely



**SCA Name:** Lord Gabriel Michalik

**Modern Name:** goes by "Six"

**Years in SCA:** 16 years

**Awards Earned:** Award of Arms

**Offices Held:** Deputy Chatelaine

**Fighting/A&S Preference:** He likes heavy fighting.

**How you found out about the SCA:** Gabriel said, "A friend told me to get garb made and to show up at Poor Man's. I have been hooked ever since." He says his first Poor Man's was the second Poor Man's that was put on.

**What you like about the SCA:** He says, besides fighting, he likes the friendships, camaraderie, and the sense of belonging to something.

## CALENDAR

### January 2010

- 2 12th Night: Medieval Winters [Schattentor –Rapid City SD]
- 9 Much Ado about 12th Night [Nordskogen-Columbia Hghts MN]
- 23 It's Only a Flesh Wound [Jararvellir-Jefferson WI]
- 30 12th Night 1192 [Castel Rouge-Winnipeg]

### February 2010

- 13 Historic Haire Affaiure [Falcons Keep-Wausau WI]
- 13-14 Une Fete d'Amour [Midewinde-Minot ND]
- 13 Hertzkreig [Syaty Sebesta-Vermillion SD]
- 20 Fighter School [Jararvellir-Jefferson WI]
- 27 Bardic Madness [Windhave-DePere WI]
- 27 Lupercalia [Rivenwood Tower-Nicollet MN]

### March 2010

- 14-21 Gulf Wars

### April 2010

- 10 Spring Coronation [OPEN FOR BIDS]
- 17 Provost Challenge [Coldedernhale-Pierre SD]
- 24 Armored combat Event [Nordskogen-St Paul MN]
- 24 Feast of Fools [Korsvag-Fargo ND]

### May 2010

- 8 Spring Crown Tournament {OPEN FOR BIDS}
- 13-15 Quest for Camelot [Schattentor-Nemo SD]
- 15 Beltaine by the Bay [Darkstone-Mason WI]

### June 2010

- 4-6 Mermaids Attacks [Turm am See-Valders WI]
- 17-20 Rabid Yale Hunt [Coldedernhale-White River SD]
- 24-27 Moorish Tavern [Midewinde-Bottineau ND]

### July 2010

- 8-11 Warriors and Warlords XVII [Nordskogen-WI]
- 16-19 Pirates, Knaves and Idiots V [Noiregarde- WY]

Fighting/Rapier and Armored practice will be held at the 4 Stools bar in Wisconsin Rapids, from 10 AM to 6 PM on Sunday, December 27.

# January Moot

## Sunday January 3, 1 pm

At [Elena de Braci's House](#)

Take 51 N or E (North from Point, East from Marshfield) towards Wausau...Take the Stewart Ave Exit and head towards the mall...Turn south onto Grand Ave. Right after the lights on Grand Ave/Thomas Right get in left lane. Turn left right past Wausau Floral onto Floral Ave. Third house on the left. (White Ford Truck in driveway).

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### Web pages of interest:

[www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org) | Also on Facebook groups:  
[www.northshield.org](http://www.northshield.org) | Falcon's Gate at UWSP  
[www.falconskeep.org](http://www.falconskeep.org) | Falcon's Keep Rapier Fighters  
[www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/falcon/index.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/falcon/index.htm)

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