

January Event

The legends and deeds of Saint Clairiel, which have been common knowledge here in the North Oaken region, are now memories for travellers from as far away as Windsor Canada who braved the chill January weather to attend A Regular Event in Cleftlands, the Feast of Saint Clairiel. Seasoned autocrats Pietro and Fitzranulf teamed up to put on a day of pageantry and miracles. The North Oaken regional rapier championships took place that day under the watchful eye of Brangwyn Snowden. There was a youth boffer list. Heavy Combatants for the day processed in and presented boasts to the Baron and Baroness, splitting themselves into Tennens (the home team) and Vennens (the away team). A special prize was given at feast for the best boast. The Tennens then held the field against all takers. Later there was a full Pas d'arms with a gallery of ladies lead by our Baroness, Madelaine, who set tasks to the combatants. In particular a knight with a small shield and a knight with a large shield were asked to trade shields! Both gentles found the task of fighting with an unfamiliar shield equally difficult and certainly learned to appreciate the other's fighting style.

While the fighting hall was being changed into a feast hall, the middle eastern dance troupe, Hareem Shareem performed in the merchant hall to the delight of all. Owen Fife, a professional musician more accustomed to the Rennaisance Faire circuit, also performed in the merchant hall and reportedly did quite well selling his CDs. Owen

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It has Oscars in it's nasty little pocketsses

On Sunday Peter Jackson's the Lord of the Rings : Return of the King won a record-tying 11 Academy Awards. Including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Adapted Screenplay.

This comes only a week after ROTK became the second movie ever to generate \$1 billion in worldwide box office receipts.

Many thanks to Peter Jackson and especially JRR Tolkien.



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also performed a song at feast and accidentally gave the baron and baroness of the Cleftlands a promotion.

There was a brief baronial court wherein Ephriam and Madelaine recognized the good works of the day and presented Aldermouries Ventzke with our, as yet unnamed, baronial award for all

her many years of service to the barony, especially behind the scenes.

The crowning event was definitely the feast with a full six courses containing such exotic dishes as Octopus and Salmon and, of course, plenty of broccoli. During feast was a rare pleasure, the entire populace was invited to get up and dance between courses, and with live music provided by the Case Western Reserve University Colligium Musicalum. The feast also featured the debut of the new Cleftlands Choir who sang period music beautifully under the direction of Matheus and Noelle. The favorite entertainment by far, however, was the Miracle play of the Miracles of Saint Clairiel. Theresa played the role of Clairiel and it was as if the Saint herself were with us... heckling from the kitchen door. The final course of the feast were sugar paste golf balls, each containing a fortune or small prize, and an absolutely exquisite reliquary of sugar, cookie and broccoli made by Master Aiden. It was delicious.

The day ended with as much dancing as anyone's feet could stand. A good time was had by all,

Hail Clairiel!

New Neighbors

It is rare that a Barony as old as Cleftlands gets new neighbors, yet that is what happened February 21st. At the Masque of Courtly Love (Lucky 7) in Alderford the new Barony of Brendokken was formed with it's premiere Baron Alexander and Baroness Catriona in a lavish early morning court. The court room was the church's basketball court, but was bedecked splendidly. A crafty Alderford volunteer turned the basketball hoop and supporters into a beautiful canopy over the Royal throne straight out of a fourteenth century illumination. Throughout the day the theme of games and gambling was carried out, from the site tokens of mardi gras style dice beaded necklaces to His Majesty Alasdair rolling dice during the evening court to determine the order of the awards given out.

A great many gifts were given to the new Barony, one baron and baroness unable to attend sent puppets of themselves with their gift! Another gift included a set of fighting tabbards from the Baron and Baroness of Middle Marches, who as they presented the tabbards reminded Alexander and Catriona that these lush lands of Alderford were once the property of Middle Marches, and they might want them back. The new Baron Brendokken mentioned that Cleftlands might have something to say about this, as apparently we had recently acquired a portion of property in the Brendokken lands... notably the new Baron's own estate. Lothar de Normandie, as a representative of the Cleftlands stood up and informed the Baron Brendokken that those lands Cleftlands holds in his territory we hold in protectorate, and would join Brendokken in defending it from aggressors... such as those from the south. The ground work is laid for an interesting event in the near future where Brendokken will defend it's claim to Alderford from Middle Marches in good fun.

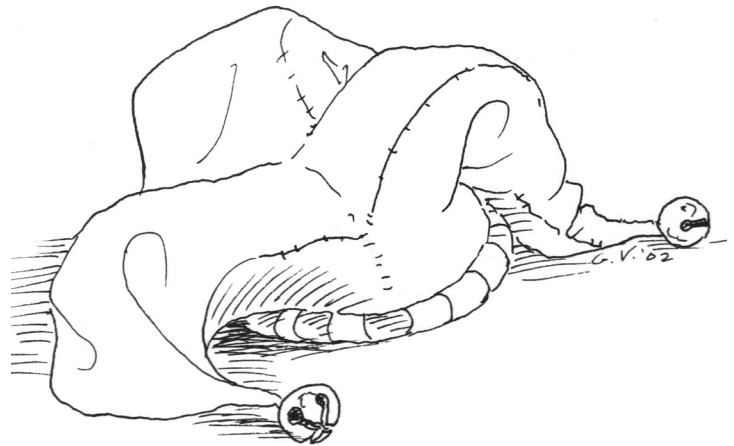
New Regional Cygnet

This month our own Honorable Lady myfanwy ferch Rhonwen was succeeded as regional signet by Milesent Vibert. The region owes myfanwy a debt of thanks for all her hard work as signet. If anyone has comments, questions or concerns about this change of office, please see Milesent. The Oaken Region encompasses all of Ohio and Kentucky.

New Cleftlander

Fears of a tiny Antarcus roaming the lands of the Middle Kingdom were allayed on the morning of wednesday february 18th. When the known world welcomed Sarah Ann Zammikiel .The child luckily resembles her mother

Both mother and baby are doing fine.



Calendar

Local Happenings:

**March 1st, 8th, 15th,
22nd, and 29th** - Needleworkers
Guild Meeting at Lyonnete's

March 15th - Dance Guild
Meeting at Euclid Public Library

March 9th - Scribal
Symposium Meeting at Master
Aiden's

Meetings:

Archery practice meets every
Sunday at Lucus Archery

Armorer's guild meets
Thursday nights at Ealdred and
Clairiel's home

Dance Guild meets the third or second Monday
of each month at the Euclid Public Library

Cook's Guild meets the Sunday before Dessert
Revel at Ealdred and Clairiel's home

An unofficial drum circle and middle eastern
dance practice meets on Thursday nights at The Gallery
Coffee Shop on east 185th street. There is also a
Middle Eastern Dance Exchange at the Coffee Shop on
Monday Nights.

Events:

March 6th Ceilidh in Saint Joan (Dayton, OH)

March 6th Constellation Region Spring 2004 A&S
Faire in Riviere Constelle(Evansville, IN)

March 13th Better War through Archery in
Sternfeld (Indianapolis/Greenfield, IN)

March 13th The Ides of March in Iron Oak/
Northwoods (Morrice, MI)

March 13th Womens Costume in the 14th &
15th Centuries Robin Netherton event in Swordcliff (
Springfield, IL)

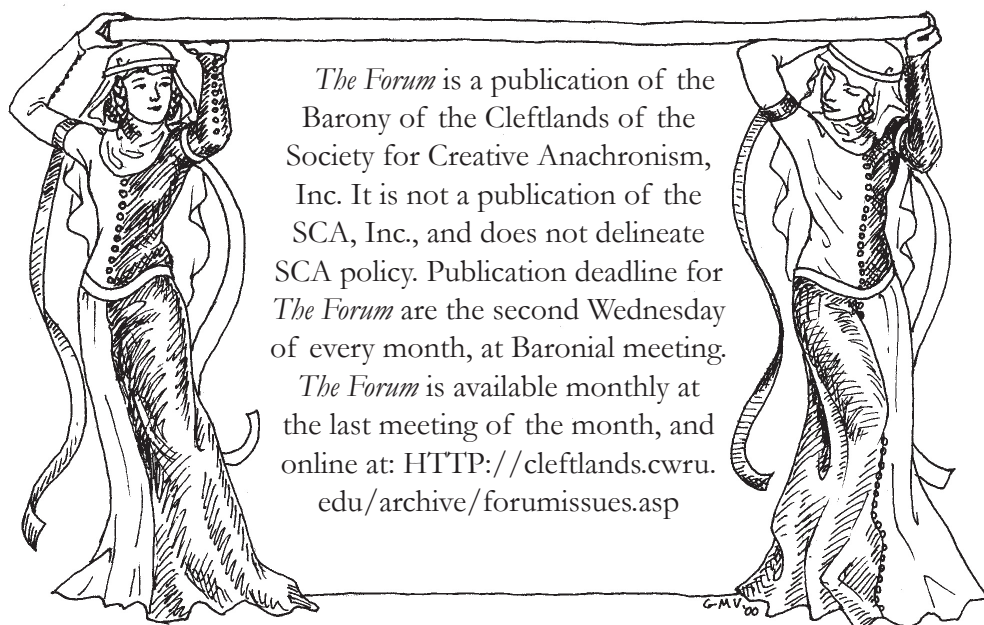
March 15th-21st Gulf Wars in Meridies (
Lumberton, MS)

March 27th Winter War Maneuvers in Tirnewydd
(Delaware, OH)

Cancelled Events:

March 6th New Groups Symposium in Catteden/ Red
Spears (Findlay, OH)

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