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From Their Excellencies

Happy New Year!

December was a wonderful month filled with laughter, fun and amazing friends. Thank you all for attending St. Stephan's Day. Congratulations to Maureen on her victory in the Protector Tournament. We are thrilled to have her as a member of our Court. As for the Chili Cookoff the winners are all of us for having such wonderful cooks in the Citadel. Thank you to all that contributed to the buffet.

For those that travelled with us to al'Barran Midwinter, thank you for everything. We would not have had such a nice time without you.

January brings 12th Night in the Barony of Fontaine dans Sable. If you are interested in going please let one of us know.

We should all have Estrella War in our sites. Please contact THL Warmin with your tent footprint; he needs to get this information to the coordinators in order to have enough camping space. Also, make sure your authorization card is up to date, if you need to be reauthorized please let Conrade know soon.

We wish you all a happy New Year filled with happiness and prosperity.

*Conrade and Leah
Baron and Baroness
Citadel of the Southern Pass*



Business Meeting Minutes

Hospitaler: We received approximately 3,880 toys, thank you all for your help and support.

Knight Marshal: Greetings Populace of the Citadel. I would like to urge you all to make an effort to come out to our weekly fighter practices as much as possible. With you attending, it will show other that have interest in our group, what and who we are. If there is just a couple of us fooling around, it won't look quite as fun or interesting. Also if you plan to attend Estrella War in February you might want to check to see if your authorization card is up to date. It will be too late at war to get that resolved.

Exchequer: The Citadel is solvent with no outstanding debts and an adequate treasury

Scribe: Lord Giovanni created three scrolls: Silver Tyne, Iron Hart and an Award of Arms.

Arts and Sciences: Greetings all. Now begins the long series of preparations for war. I am sure that many a cry for help will ensue. In this vain I would like to schedule an armor night or two before war.

Our ever patient Baroness has offered to have a sewing and project circle Friday nights at her home, though we can move to another location. I know that this is a night where some of our members are already engaged in a heated battle of magic.

Should anyone have suggestions to a differing location or time please let me know. Until then, Friday night at 7pm ish.

In the coming year I hope (to) see many a person at these nights. Let's have some fun, sharing of knowledge, a grand time for all, and always open to all.

Lady Francisca,

I am reachable at ciscasmall@gmail.com (please put that it is about A&S), on the list, and 678-772-6867. Please let me know about your projects if you wish for me to report them.

Upcoming Events

January:

12th Night and War Practice:

Date: Jan 15, 2011
Where: Barony of Fontaine dans Sable
<http://www.fontainesca.org/12thnight/>

February:

Estrella War

Date: Feb 14-21, 2011
Where: Kingdom of Atenveldt
<http://www.estrellawar.org/>



The Masquerade

Area Calendar

Business Meetings

Business meetings are on the LAST Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm. This month's meeting will be at THL Warmin's home at 3017 Devils Tower. This meeting is mandatory for officers (in the event of an emergency, or inability to attend, please contact Lord Warmin to arrange for your report).

Business meetings are open to all members of the SCA interested in finding out more about how the Citadel and the SCA function behind the scenes, anyone is welcome.

Fighter & Archery Practices

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Citadel-Southern-Pass>
Please contact Lord Wolf at marshal@scaelpaso.org

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Mid-Week Fighter practice, held every Wednesday, is on hold until the Spring.

Fighter practice is held every **Sunday** from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Mountain Time at Memorial Park. (To Memorial Park) Take I-10 and exit at Piedras Street (Exit 21B). Follow Piedras north and turn right on Grant. Follow Grant with the park on your left, and practice is at the circular parking lot.

Nahrn Kabirun

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Nahrn_Populace

See <http://nahrn.outlands.org/> for more information, or contact Lord Ambrosius van Beck, Knight Marshal for Nahrn, at darthmallrat2k@yahoo.com. Sun-day Archery Practice is on hold. Contact Lord Einar on the Nahrn Yahoo! Group list for information on practices. For up-to-date archery info, join the Citadel Archers yahoo group, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Citadel_Archers

Dance Practices

TIME: TBA, please see the Yahoo! Group List for updates.

Traditions for January

Twelfth Night

Date: Initially Jan 17th until the introduction of the Gregorian calendar in 1752, and then celebrated on the evening of Jan. 5th (proper date), 6th (most regarded date)

Origin: Anglo Saxon pagan

What is it? Wassailing is what is associated with Twelfth Night and is the reciprocal exchanging of gifts, initially between the feudal lords and their peasants, not to be confused with begging on the part of the peasants. The song: "Here We Come A-Wassailing" makes this point clear:

"we are not daily beggars that beg from door to door but we are friendly neighbours whom you have seen before."

The Lord provided food and drink, the peasants, their blessings and good will. The song: "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," dating to 16th century England, is also associated with wassailing and the gift of figgy pudding. Although initially this was an innocent exchange of good will, the holiday has been subject of abuse between carolers and homeowners who did not have anything to offer the carolers, much like "Trick or Treat" today.

Epiphany

Date: Initially Jan 6th, or the on the Sunday that falls between Jan 2-8 or Jan 19 on the Julian calendar

Origin: Catholic

What is it? A Christian feast day celebrating the incarnation of Jesus. In some cases, gifts are exchanged during this celebration.

Dydd Calan

Date: Initially Jan 12th, until 1752, and then on Jan 1st.

Origin: Welsh

What is it? Initially, a fire festival celebrated by the Celts to symbolize the circle of life: rebirth follows death. While all other plant life dies in winter, the evergreen remains. For this reason, the evergreen is the chief tree for this celebration. The *Mari Lwyd*, a decorated skull a horse, would be paraded through the city streets and come back to life on this night.

Dydd Santes Dwynwen

Date: January 25th

Origin: Welsh

What is it? A Welsh Valentines Day celebration. Saint Dwynwen is the Welsh patron saint for lovers. Tradition states that Dwynwen was the daughter of the King of Wales during the 5th century. There was a suitor to Dwynwen, however, she wished to become a nun rather than marry. Her suitor was turned to ice. She prayed for her suitor and was presented with a solution in a dream: a magical potion to give to her suitor. The suitor was saved and Dwynwen became a nun. On this day, it is tradition for Welsh lovers exchange cards to profess their love for each other.

Food for January

A Traditional Shropshire Wassail Recipe – for hardened Wassailers!

10 very small apples
1 large orange stuck with whole cloves
10 teaspoons brown sugar
2 bottles dry sherry or dry Madeira
1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg
1 teaspoon ground ginger
3 cloves
3 allspice berries
2 or 3 cinnamon sticks
2 cups castor sugar
12 to 20 pints of cider according to the number of guests
1 cup (or as much as you like) brandy

Core the apples and fill each with a teaspoon of brown sugar. Place in a baking pan and cover the bottom with 1/8-inch of water.

Insert cloves into the orange about 1/2" apart. Bake the orange with the apples in a 350° oven. After about 30 minutes, remove the orange and puncture it in several places with a fork or an ice pick. Combine the sherry or Madeira, cider, nutmeg, ginger, cloves, allspice berries, cinnamon, sugar, apple and orange juice and water in a large, heavy saucepan and heat slowly without letting the mixture come to a boil.

Leave on very low heat. Strain the wine mixture and add the brandy. Pour into a metal punch bowl, float the apples and orange on top and ladle hot into punch cups.

Makes enough for 15-20 people – but we always wish we had made more!

Wassail – the "soft" option

1 large orange stuck with whole cloves
4 Litres apple cider or apple juice
2 Litres soft fruit juice (we like peach)
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
6 cinnamon sticks

Insert cloves into the orange about 1/2" apart. Bake the orange in a 350° oven. After about 30 minutes, remove the orange and puncture it in several places with a fork or an ice pick. Place the orange and the remaining ingredients in a large pot and cover it. Bring it to a boil and simmer over low heat for another 30 minutes. Transfer to a heat-proof punch bowl or crockpot.

Float the orange and cinnamon sticks. Serve in heat-proof punch cups.
Makes 30-40 servings.

www.history.uk.com/recipes/traditional-wassail-recipes/ - United Kingdom

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Gardening for January

January is the month for planning the garden. If you choose to grow roses, this is the month that roses should be ordered. Since El Paso is notorious for inconsistent weather, a lot of care needs to be put into the garden for the plants that have not gone dormant that should have due to the mild winter up to this point.

If the temps hover in the upper 60's and the morning temps are only in the lower 40's you will need to water your garden plants at least once every other week. Do not piddle on the plants, water them. For evergreens and trees, the best choice is a root feeder so the watering is deep enough to be of any value.

When the leaves do fall, use them to mulch around the plants that have managed to go dormant but be careful. If you mulch around the trunks of bushes, for instance, roses, the mulch will retain the needed moisture but also help rot the bark around the trunk. Best rule of thumb, mulch but leave some space, about a quarter of an inch gap, between the wood and the mulch. A three inch thick layer of mulch is very beneficial for all of the plants.

I love roses so I have them everywhere. With regards to mulching, during this time of year it helps to put a layer of steer manure down and around the roses before you mulch. As with the above issues with mulching closely around the plant trunk, manure needs to be carefully positioned so it is not in constant contact with the rosebush trunk. The reason for adding manure during this time is the nutrients will leach into the soil and be available immediately when the roses are starting to come out of dormancy. This follows the same idea of setting out fertilizer for the lawn in the fall for the grass. By spring the plants already have what they need and you can focus on training or clearing away the winter debris.

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