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Local members of the Shire focus on the first day of ballista construction.



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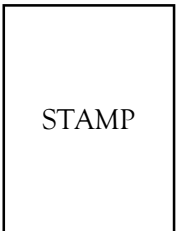
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The Seneschal's Corner

Greetings!

October was a great month! From fighter practices to A&S workshops our shire sure has been busy. If you notice on the cover, the ballista project started last month is progressing in grand fashion. I personally want to thank every single person who came out to support this project.

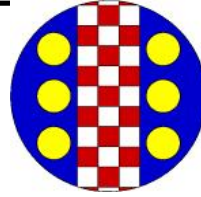
In the last year the shire truly has become a united family. I over heard a comment the other day concerning all the new faces out and about in the shire. Its great to see our existing populace embrace our newest members. You d be surprised that many of the faces that you see are members who have been with us for years! Our Populace, New.. Old.. Current.. Constantly amaze me at the feats we accomplish. The future is grand for our shire and it is my pleasure to share this experience with you all.

I know we have a lot of activities going on locally. One thing we can lose sight of it our ability to support the local baronies and shires around our kingdom. Please review the kingdom calendar for events you can attend. Maybe start a carpool to an event you normally wouldn t go to?

October has had several meetings and workshops for various topics. Remember, the National Squire is available in full every month on the shire s website. You will now be able to print a copy for your friends and family without giving up your own copy!



Lord Brian the Pious
Seneschal for the Shire of Granite Mountain



Office of the Exchequer

From the office of the Exchequer,
Greetings Friends,

This month in the theme of this months polling for Barony taking place Nov. 17th I would like to speak to you a little bit about Baronial regalia. What is regalia you might ask? Those in the SCA holding a title of one sort or another often gain the right to wear a particular piece of clothing, or insignia, which indicates they hold that title. Examples include a white belt (worn by a knight), a Crown (worn by a King or Queen) or a Laurel's medallion (worn by a Master or Mistress of the Laurel). For a Barony this regalia would be the Baronial coronets (crowns). If it becomes the desire of the populace of the Shire of Granite Mountain to become a Barony and we have the blessing of the Kingdom seneschal and Their Majesties, one of the first considerations to make would be to go to an artisan and commission the coronets to be made. These coronets would have elements of the Granite Mountain arms put upon them and would belong to the Barony. We have many things that are possessions of the Shire that are currently in our inventory such as, platters and serving dishes, officers file boxes, a pavilion, and loaner garb to name a few. Becoming a Barony would add a number of other things into our inventory over time that would need to be kept track of by the exchequers office. The new coronets as indicated earlier would be new as would throne chairs, tabards, favors, a kneeling cushion, rugs, and banners. Other things might also be gifted to the Barony and become part of the Baronial inventory as well. This is probably the main impact to the Exchequer s office by becoming a Barony. All of these things would help to make the dream come alive each and every time they are displayed. It is my hope that we can make this dream come true one day for all of us!

In Service to Kingdom and Shire,
THLady Elsbeth von Sonnenthal
Shire of Granite Mountain, Exchequer

Yule December 8th, 2007

The season of warmth is at its end and the gentle white blanket of winter prepares to claim its place in the cool pines surrounding the Shire of Granite Mountain. All are invited to draw nigh and sit by the warm hearth of friendship and witness the challenges of the day.

A gathering of friends and kin would not be complete without food and drink. Let us feast in elegance! A bounty of beast, fowl and earths delights will be prepared by the feast steward, Lady Annalena Gianetta dei Medici da Vicinza. Volunteers for entertainment between removes will be greatly appreciated, please contact the autocrat to be put on the schedule of events.

Feast Menu: First Remove: Fresh Vegetables & dipping sauces, Bread Basket shire bread, pumpkin bread, assorted rustic breads. Brie baked in phyllo with honey and pecans, with apple slices. Marinated olives and mushrooms, assorted pickles. Marinated Chickpea salad with onions, parsley & pomegranate seeds. Deviled eggs. Baby lettuces, edible flowers & herb salad with dried fruit and candied walnuts. Raspberry or Ranch dressings. Assorted mini quiches; ham & cheese, chicken & broccoli, artichoke & herb. Cream of broccoli soup with apple bread croutons. Vegetable minestrone soup, New world beef stew.

Second Remove: Grilled eggplant with bulger stuffing. Turkey with hazelnut & dried fruit stuffing spiced baby carrots puree and green beans almondine. Smoked ham, brussel sprouts sauteed in bacon and apple cider. Baked squash and spices. Prime Rib roast with caramelized onions; sour cream & horseradish sauce and au jus. Herbed Yorkshire pudding, broccoli timbales, newworld roasted baby potatoes

Third remove: Lemon cheesecake with carmel pecan crust, New world apple orange-craisin streusel pie, pears poached in spiced wine with vanilla cream, ginger bread.

Other diversions from the woes of winter shall include an armored prize tournament for those wishing to demonstrate their prowess in various forms of the arms of peace. All artisans, those established and budding are encouraged to devise a yuletide or seasonal display for their table to be entered in our annual centerpiece contest. Members of the populace can try their hand at various games of skill hrough out the afternoon. Don't forget you're dancing shoes because we shall be learning the steps and kicking up our heels in dance. There shall be a visit from Father Christmas for the youngest gentles. Last but not least! Do not forget our annual greedy gift exchange, please remember to bring a wrapped gift (1) for each participant, but remember its every lord and lady for themselves, no ones gift is safe! Adults as well as children may participate. Merchants are invited to be on hand to cast away any lingering

melancholy and spare change.

Site fees: Site opens at 10am, closes at 10pm. No pets, no indoor smoking, this is a discreetly DAMP site, no camping. The site fee includes feast and is payable in advance on the ACCEPS website (<http://acceps.ansteorra.org/>) or if available at Troll. There is a maximum cap on attendance so pre-register early to insure attendance.

Adults (SCA members) - \$15.00; Adults (non-SCA) - \$18.00; Youth (age 9-17) - \$10.00; Children (age 8 & under) Free!

Directions to Site: Smoki Museum, 147 N. Arizona Ave., Prescott, Az 86304. Take your best route utilizing I-17 to AZ-69 (exit 262). Head west on AZ-69. Follow AZ-69 for 33 miles then bear left onto Gurley ST. Follow Gurley to a light signal for Arizona Ave. Turn right (north) on Arizona Ave. The museum is the second stone building on the east side of Arizona Ave. Google Map and Yahoo Map directions seem accurate, for those links, as well as Yule Feast updates visit the shire website

<http://www.granitemountain.org/Html/yule.html>

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Attention Shire Populace! This event is deemed our Spotlight event and is our largest local event of the year. This is the event that our shire has been known for throughout the years! It is encouraged that all local members attend.. And volunteer!



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