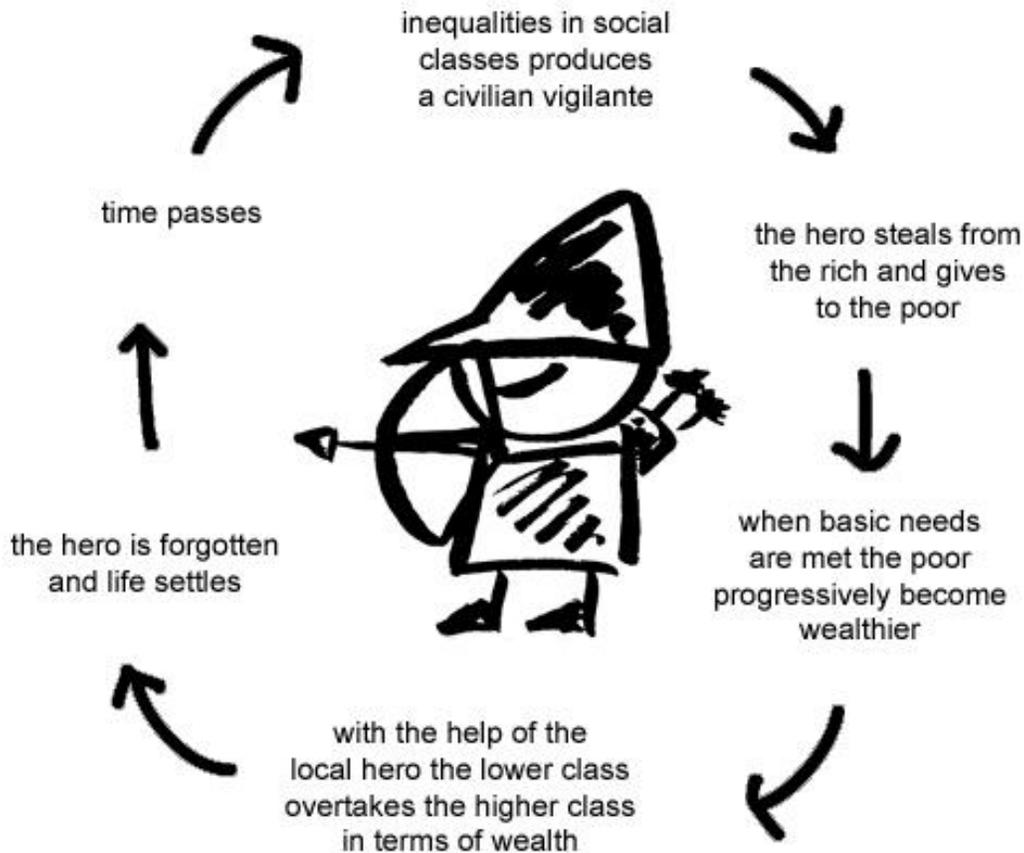


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Words from Their Excellencies

Onto all who read these few words, does Pellandres, dit le frère, proud baron of Isle du Dragon Dormant sends greetings!

It has been a rather busy early Fall. Not only was my life outside of the Society on a rather tight schedule but events followed one another at a rate I hadn't seen in a long while. I was therefore able to travel a bit and got to see old and new friends alike.

It began in early September when, not having had the chance to go during the day for I was otherwise engaged, I trekked to see the gentles of Dragonnet. Their site is still awesome, being on one side enough camping room to establish a linear encampment and across the street a grand hall with full kitchen. Not within five minutes of my arrival was I buried under some chicken and a wild pig that Lord John had himself hunted for the occasion. Maybe they thought me too slim or something but the meat was marvelous. I just had to help after and ended up with both hands in the water so that the cooks may get some well earned rest. I cannot say much about the day for I wasn't there myself, but I heard rumors that it was well filled with martial and peaceable activities, not to mention potables of many origins.

The travelling bug having caught me, I decided to bring along the rest of my household for a momentous event was occurring in Havre des Glaces. Alas, an old friend in the person of Hensojin had chosen to retire and ride back to his beloved Steppes. The barony was finding itself without heir! Luckily, wisdom prevailed and our good king and queen, may their memory be propagated forever and ever, provided a solution. Therefore another baron and baroness were elevated, a first in Havre des Glaces for they usually had had only barons! May Arthur and Shadia's health be long and their barony fruitful! Many of our lands were there to witness the Royal Actions of the day. Not only that, but many took an active part in the day's events be in by marshalling fence or by holding the pot over the fire for one of our own was head cook! All my thanks to Petru for filling my belly with many things that I don't usually consume! I was a bit overwhelmed myself for too many known faces were there and even the attempt to salute each and every one of them would have taken much more than the day we had been allocated! oh, and before I forget, next time I mention going to an event with the full household in tow and mention day-trip in the same sentence, please remind me of my foolishness...

Yet it wasn't enough! More travelling was I to experience! A new occasion arose! Bois Ardent, content in their land and seeing the anniversary of their coming into their full status decided it was also a joyful time! Alas, Her Excellency had requested the whole of our stables for a hunt with a long friend from far-away! What would I do! I circled my demesne in doubts, yet desire to go for Bois Ardent events have a certain reputation and should not be missed! Especially of you are of the hungry type! Food is always plentiful, your hunger for good chats with friends can be fully satisfied and satiety is fulfilled in the many activities provided for the masses! But I digress as I was still at the castle and seeing the two-day walk as an insurmountable obstacle... Vikings, oddly enough, provided a venue! I received a young messenger with some scribbles that were quickly translated by my scribe. Our good friends from Bois Ardent seeing Freya in the same plight as I had commissioned a ship and the sea-wolf known as Graaw would pilot us downstream and back in his might vessel! Despite most of his orders looking akin to a call for meat (Viaaande!) we promptly set sail. Once there I got to wear armour and give their first lessons in our art of battle to three hopeful warriors!

I needed rest, I believe, after such travels. But a local occasion was still upon us. Alas for many issues were we forced to push forward the choosing of our archery champion. Yet, before any Skrael think otherwise, it is not by lack of interest from the part of our archers for I have seen them at work and play. However ready am I to charge down any shield-line thusly pointed to me, I have not the bravado to raise shield and sword at the massed ranks of the Dragon Dormant archers. I doubt a step would I be allowed to take forward before pin-cushioned I would be. Some took the occasion to travel, which I did not, for just a long stone-throw South, our friends of Coldwood, seeing the leaves changing; saw the wisdom of closing their inn for the winter. This is always a grand event and I only regret having missed it the last few years.

Tir Mara is a large Land. It houses many warriors and artisans, all of which have but one desire, being seen in their endeavor and getting to share it with friends! Only one occasion may stop it, and that is if our noble King and Queen ascend north to act as witnesses of these deeds. They would there and then also choose a champion each in both arts of War and Peace. The call was too strong and off I went in the company of both Conrad and Wulfwyn! I had other interest in the trip, I will admit for a nearby town had great masters in the art of fitness which I truly had to see with my own eyes. This led to a memorable experience whereupon coming back from the classes of said masters I ended up at the wrong side of the demesne where the championship was held! So I roamed the land, in hopes that fifty-odd gentles in colourful dress might be visible, draw a crowd or, at least, generate enough manly noise that I may be directed to them. Fear not, I was not lost for "I" knew exactly where I stood! I just didn't really know which way I was supposed to be going! I eventually found my way and, at the whim of his Majesty, got to enter the tourney nonetheless. The mistress of the list, in wrath both of my poor person demolishing part of the hard work she had set up for the tourney and to make me understand that no such worries was I allowed to make her suffer, having by then disappeared for more than half a day, decided that the round robin format of the tourney allowed one simple experiment: I would fight all my ten bouts in a row... Hooray for her Wisdom! But I tend to digress and my martial prowess is not the subject of this letter. Lord Lewellyn from Lyndhaven and Lord Ursion of Bois Ardent respectively carried the day for the martial and peaceable arts championship. Then piles of food were brought to us and all tables groaned under the weight. By the end of the night, the tables had been relieved, but not our bellies, for they groaned in turn for the effort asked of them.

Now, I look upon the coming weeks and see some rest for me. Other occupations will keep me busy, but until November and our Fall Harvest Celebrations; I do not intend to travel. My heart belongs here with my family and my friends both in and out of the Society. If, by chance, you have ideas and feel like assailing that position of mine, please do so! Maybe, I say, will Her Excellency be ready to hear your persuading words! ;o)

Pellandres, dit le frère, wandering baron of IDD

Words from the Seneschal

Greetings to the Barony!

For my missive this quarter, I would just like to share a few tips on SCA contact with the media. As some of you may have seen (and heard) we have had the opportunity recently to appear in the Montreal Mirror, and in a brief radio interview on CJAD. In both cases, we were approached by the media in question due to our “high profile” (fighters in the park, and the subsequent front-page story). As any one of us may be approached by members of the media, I think it is important for everyone to remember these little tips.

The SCA has an official media policy, and I encourage everyone to read it. It can be found here: <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/mediapolicy.pdf>

There are a couple of points that everyone should retain, regardless of what activity you participate in or where you are participating.

- No matter how much we joke among ourselves, it is important to present your most professional face to the media. They are looking for a story, and will not hesitate to cast us in a condescending light or worse if they think they can get away with it. They will be documenting the meeting, while you will not – so please be conscious of language and presentation if you ever find yourself in that situation.
- Things to avoid talking about: households, alcohol-making, internal politics. We are not a cult, we are not a cult of alcoholics brewing our own illegal booze, and we are not a cult of alcoholics brewing our own illegal booze that engage in nasty politics. [Symbol] While Scadians may know better, the average person reading/hearing/seeing the report on us might draw other - albeit misinformed – conclusions.
- What they say about first impressions is true – it’s very difficult to change someone’s mind about a bad first impression. Something said in jest can easily lead to unpleasant situations for us down the road. For example, being refused at sites due to someone’s impression of us from an article they once read.
- As Seneschal, all media contact should be referred directly to me. Whether it’s “Can I just ask you a couple of questions” or “we’d like to do a front-page piece on your group”, please do not attempt to handle it yourself! It is my responsibility to handle media contact and its possible consequences. Believe me; you do NOT want to get stuck with a reporter intent on bad-mouthing us, only to have them misquote you personally to back up their claims. Also, (as pointed out by our previous Seneschal, Cairn) consider that media references may be used in court cases against the SCA, for example as proof of certain tendencies / behaviours. Any media contact, no matter how friendly they may seem, can quickly turn sour – so please, refer them to me! It is my absolute pleasure to be able to show what a wonderful group we are, reflecting the best values of society, while showing those intent on putting us down how very wrong they are.

Coming up on 16 years of playing with the SCA, I am still very proud of what we do and how we do it, and thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to discuss it with interested parties. With your help, we can continue to be a positive influence on other people, show our strengths and our worth, and continue to attract people to a nobler, more courteous, hands-on experience than they may have in the fast-paced, electronic, machine-driven age that we live in.

In service to the Dream,
Lady Jordan Lovatt
Seneschal

Maide Marion's Gyngerbrede

A sweet honey confection from 15th century England

"Gyngerbrede. Take a quart of hony, & sethe it, & skeme it clene; take Safroun, pouder Pepir, & þrow ther-on; take gratyd Brede, & make it so chargeaunt þat it wol be y-leched; þen take pouder Canelle, & straw þer-on y-now; þen make yt square, lyke as þou wolt leche it; take when þou lechyst hyt, an caste Box leaves a-bouyn, y-stkyd þer-on, on clowys. And if þou wolt haue it Red, colore it with Saunderys y-now."

- Austin, Thomas. *Two Fifteenth-Century Cookery-Books. Harleian MS. 279 & Harl. MS. 4016, with extracts from Ashmole MS. 1429, Laud MS. 553, & Douce MS 55*. London: for The Early English Text Society by N. Trübner & Co., 1888.



Gingerbread. Take a quart of honey, & boil it, & skim it clean; take saffron, pepper, & throw on; take grated bread, and make it so thick that it can be sliced; then take cinnamon, & strew on; then make it square, like you would have it sliced; and when you slice it, stick in cloves. And if you'd like it red, color it with sandalwood.



4 cups honey
1 lb. unseasoned bread crumbs
1 tbs. each ginger & cinnamon
1 tsp. ground white pepper
pinch saffron
whole cloves

Bring the honey to a boil and skim off any scum. Keeping the pan over very low heat, stir in the breadcrumbs and spices. When it is a thick, well-blended mass (add more bread crumbs if necessary), remove from heat & let cool slightly, then lay out on a flat surface & press firmly into an evenly shaped square or rectangle, about 3/4 of an inch thick. Let cool, then cut into small squares to serve. Garnish each square by sticking a whole clove in the top center. *Add a few drops of red food coloring when adding the spices, 'if thou wolt haue it Red.'

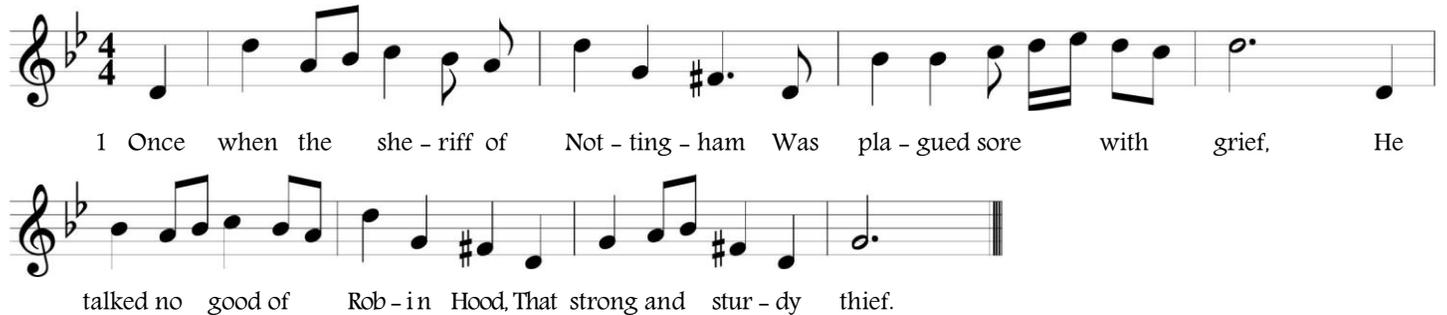
For more delicious period recipes:

- www.godecookery.com
- www.medievalcookery.com



Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow

The English and Scottish Popular Ballads No. 152 – Francis James Child, 1888



1 Once when the she - riff of Not - ting - ham Was pla - gued sore with grief, He
talked no good of Rob - in Hood, That strong and stur - dy thief.

2 So to the London-road he passed,
His losses to unfold
Unto the King, who listened to
The tale the sheriff told.

3 'Why,' quoth the King, 'what shall I do?
Art thou not sheriff for me?
Go, take thy course. The law enforce,
On them that injure thee.'

4 'Go, get thee gone, and by thyself
Devise some tricking game
For to enthral yon rebels all;
Go, take thy course with them.'

5 So then the sheriff he returned,
And by the way he thought
Of the words of the King, and how the thing
To pass might well be brought.

6 With that he hit upon a plan.
A shooting-match to hold;
And he that shot the best of all
Should have a prize of gold.

7 So an arrow with a golden head
And shaft of silver white,
Who won the day should bear away
For his own proper right.

8 For within his mind he imagined
That when such matches were,
Those outlaws stout, without all doubt,
Would be the bowmen there.

9 Tidings came to brave Robin,
Under the greenwood tree:
'Prepare you then, my merry men,
We'll go yon sport to see.'

10 With that stepped forth a brave young man,
David of Doncaster.
'Master', said he, 'be warned by me,
From the greenwood we'll not stir.

11 'To tell the truth, I'm well informed
Yon match is but a wile;
The sheriff, I wiss, is planning this
Us archers to beguile.'

12 'Thou smells of a coward,' said Robin Hood,
'Thy words does not please me;
Come what will, I'll try my skill
At yon brave archery.'

13 O then bespoke brave Little John:
'Come, let us thither go.
Come, listen to me, how it shall be
That the sheriff need not know.

14 Our mantles all of Lincoln green
 Behind us we shall leave;
We'll dress us all so differently
 They shall not us perceive.

15 'One shall wear white, another red,
 One yellow, another blue.
Thus in disguise to the exercise
 We'll go, whate'er ensue.'

16 Forth from the greenwood they are gone,
 With hearts all firm and stout,
Resolving then with the sheriff's men
 To have a hearty bout.

17 So the sheriff looking round about,
 Amongst eight hundred men,
But he could not see the sight that he
 Had long expected then.

18 Some said, 'If Robin Hood was here,
 And all his men to boot,
Sure none of them could pass these men,
 So bravely they do shoot.'

19 'Ay,' quoth the sheriff, and scratched his head,
 'I thought he would be here.
I thought he would, but, though he's bold,
 He dare not now appear.'

20 That word struck Robin to the heart.
 It rankled in his blood.
'E'er long,' thought he, 'thou shalt well see
 That here was Robin Hood.'

21 Some cried, 'Blue jacket!' another, 'Brown!'
 The third cried, 'Brave yellow!'
But the fourth man said, 'Yon man in red
 In this place has no fellow.'

22 For that was Robin Hood himself,
 For he was clothed in red.
At every shot the prize he got;
 His aim was sure and dead.

23 The arrow with the golden head
 And shaft of silver white
Brave Robin won, and bore with him
 For his own proper right.

24 These outlaws then that very day,
 To shun all kind of doubt,
By three or four, no less, no more,
 As they went, in came out.

25 Until they all were met again
 Under the greenwood shade,
Where they report, in pleasant sport,
 What brave pastime they made.

26 Said Robin Hood, 'My only care
 Is how yon sheriff may
Know certainly that it was I
 That bore his arrow away.'

27 Said Little John, 'My counsel good
 Did take effect before,
So therefore now, if you'll allow,
 I will advise once more.'

28 'Speak on, speak on,' said Robin Hood,
 'Thy wit's both quick and sound.
I know no man amongst us can
 For wit like thee be found.'

29 'This I advise,' said Little John,
 'A letter shall penned;
And when 'tis done, to Nottingham
 You to the sheriff send.'

30 'That's well advised,' said Robin Hood,
 'But how must it be sent?'
'Pugh! When you please, it's done with ease,
 Master, be you content!'

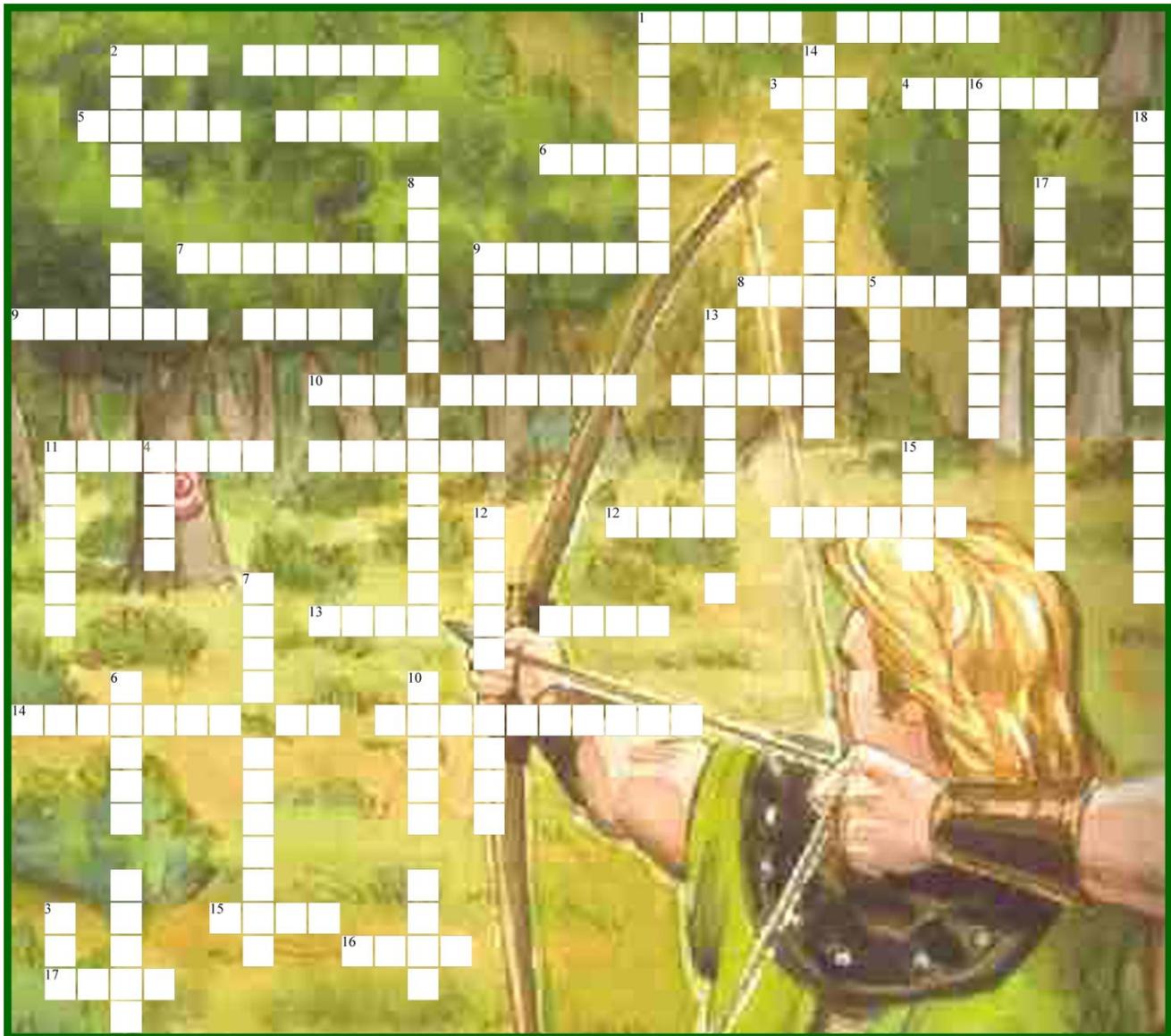
31 'I'll stick it on my arrow's head,
 And shoot it into town.
The mark shall show where it must go,
 Whenever it lights down.'

32 The project it was full performed.
 The sheriff the letter had.
Which when he read, he scratched his head,
 And raved like one that's mad.

33 We'll leave him chafing in his grease,
 Which will do him no good.
Now, friends, attend, and hear the end
 Of honest Robin Hood.

And why would the people listen to you?
***“Because, unlike some other Robin Hoods
I can speak with an English accent.”***

- Robin Hood: Men in Tights -



Across

1. The true silver screen Robin Hood
2. The actor who did not play Robin Hood: Errol Flynn, Kevin Costner, Russell Crowe, Frank Sinatra, Mel Gibson, Cary Elwes, Kermit the Frog, or Sean Connery
3. The number of arrows appearing on the cover of *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*
4. The kind of poem in which are the earliest mentions of Robin Hood
5. The name of the Canadian singer-composer who wrote the theme song for *Prince of Thieves*
6. A rebel
7. The place where Robin and his merry men lived
8. The colour of Robin Hood's attire
9. The name of the evil royal associated to the Robin Hood modern legend
10. The author of the novel *Ivanhoe* in which the character of Robin Hood makes an appearance
11. The actor who played Robin Hood in the 1955-1960 TV series
12. Robin Hood's sweetheart
13. Robin Hood's minstrel friend
14. Robin Hood's archenemy in *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*
15. The animal belonging to the king that Robin's men hunted for food
16. A member of a Muslim people of mixed Berber and Arab descent
17. The word hood may not be related to a headgear but may be a variant of this word
Clue: think of Robin's French name

Down

1. The brand name of Maid Marian's chastity belt in *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*
2. The group of outlaws who followed Robin Hood
3. A weapon consisting of a curved, flexible strip of material strung taut from end
4. An instrument used to call for help
5. The type of tree where Robin Hood reputedly gathered his men
6. The modern day DC comic super hero who is a twist on the Robin Hood legend
7. Robin's friend named after a colour
8. The actress who played Marian to Sean Connery's Robin Hood in the 1976 movie *Robin and Marian*
9. The kind of animal incarnating Robin Hood in the Disney's *Robin Hood*
10. Shooting an arrow into another arrow and splitting it in half
11. The formal name for which Robin was a common nickname
12. A jolly, foolish, lecherous, alcoholic, devout and sometimes holy friend of Robin's
13. The king usually associated with Robin Hood
14. The title of the 1991 film in which John Cleese played Robin Hood
15. The type of drink that Friar Tuck brews in the 2010 Robin Hood movie
16. Robin's right-hand man
17. Other than the bow and sword, Robin is known for using this weapon
18. The French author who wrote two Robin Hood novels
Clue: he also wrote *Le Comte de Monte Cristo* and *Les Trois mousquetaires*



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Great Northeastern War July 9-11, 2010

1. Tarius keeping us warm
2. Great Northeastern War
3. Our very own Gwen and Dannicus entertaining the crowd
4. A bardic circle at the IDD campsite
5. Our dear Baron conversing with his fellow fighters



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PENNSIC
July 29 to August 14, 2010

1. Our fierce fencer, John Radburn
2. The newly created "Aw Crap!"
featuring two of our boys:
Xavier the Sinister and John Radburn
3. Current holder of the Iron Ring of
the East, John Radburn



Photos 1 & 2 courtesy of Callie Dawley Heald - Photo 3 courtesy of Éliane de Lorraine



Investiture - Havre des Glaces September 18, 2010

1. Gnaeus in combat
2. Camilla receives her Silver Crescent
3. The King speaks to his fighters
4. Marcus receives his AOA
5. Xavier receives the Queen's Honour of Distinction



Upcoming Events / Événements à venir

IDD Schola - Wesley United Church - Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:30 pm

Classes being offered include:

Period underwear by Lady Acilaldai

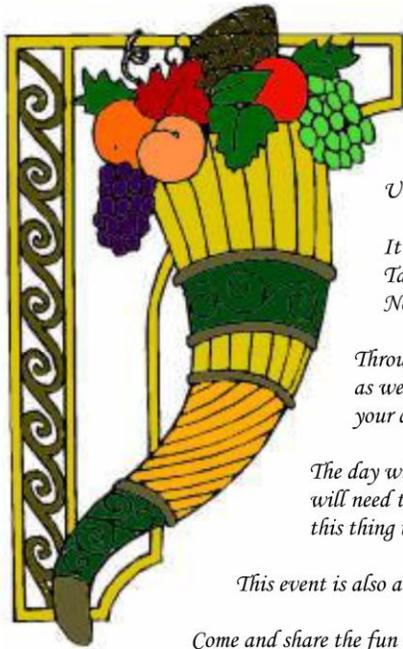
Free embroidery by Lady Jeanne

*Introduction to lampwork** by Lady Alinor Strangeways

Sonnet writing in an hour by Lady Katherine (TBC)

*Lampwork is making pretty, pretty glass beads with a propane torch and glass rods.

100 Minutes War - November 20 - Shire of Rusted Woodlands - Sparta, NJ



Oyez! Oyez!

Unto the populace of Ile du Dragon Dormant and its surrounding areas,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to our annual Fall Harvest. Taking place at Wesley United Church on the 27th day of the month of November, this event will feature our Rattan Championship.

Throughout the day, classes of singing, sonnet writing, dancing, and much more, as well as a splendid Arts & Science display and fencing, if time permits, will feed your curiosity.

The day will end with a delicious potluck feast! Those wishing to take part in the feast will need to contribute a dish (preferably of period food - many recipes are available on this thing they call the internet).

This event is also a newcomers' event. All newcomers will enter and eat at no cost.

Come and share the fun and creativity of IDD!

Fall Harvest

Wesley United Church (5964 Notre-Dame-de-Grace Avenue, Montreal)

Saturday, November 27, 2010 - site opens at 10am and closes at 9pm

Gate fee: \$10 all current SCA participants

\$ 8 all current SCA participants who bring a newcomer

FREE all newcomers (defined as a person who has never attended an event)

Feast: potluck - bring a dish to take part in the feast

newcomers are not obligated to bring a dish but are welcomed to do so if they would like

Please reserve your spot as well a spot for all newcomers by contacting Éliane de Lorraine at amlozier@rogers.com. Also indicate if you are planning on participating in the feast and what you will be cooking.

For a more inclusive list, please refer to the Kingdom website.

Pour une liste plus détaillée référez-vous au site web du Royaume.

Local Martial Practices / Pratiques martiales locales

Practices take place weekly. There is a single **\$4.00 weekly** admission fee for fencing and archery, whether you attend one or several nights. Please note there is an additional cost of **\$1.00** if you attend heavy combat practice. Everyone is welcome! Loaner gear may be available for rental on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please contact the Officer in charge for more details.

Nos pratiques ont lieu à chaque semaines. Le droit d'admission est de 4 \$ par semaine pour l'escrime et le tir à l'arc, peu importe le nombre de pratiques auxquelles vous assistez. Veuillez noter que des frais supplémentaires de 1 \$ s'appliquent si vous assistez à la pratique de combat en armure. Vous êtes tous les bienvenus! Vous pouvez louer de l'équipement, selon le principe du premier arrivé, premier servi. Veuillez communiquer avec l'officier en charge pour plus de détails.



Fencing / Escrime

Mondays / lundis 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Église St. Matthias Church
131 Cote St. Antoine, Westmount

Knock hard on the door nearest Metcalfe to be let in. Practice during the summer season is held at Girouard Park (corner of Girouard and Sherbrooke West). Newcomers are strongly encouraged to contact the Captain of Fencers before attending to confirm, as the details of the practice may change on short notice / Frappez à la porte près de Metcalfe pour qu'on vous laisse entrer. Pendant l'été, les pratiques ont lieu au parc Girouard (coin Girouard et Sherbrooke Ouest). Nous vous encourageons fortement à communiquer avec le Capitaine des escrimeurs avant d'y assister, car l'endroit et l'heure de la pratique peuvent changer à tout moment.



Archery / Tir à l'arc

Tuesdays / mardis 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Église Wesley United Church, in the basement / dans le sous-sol
5964 Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Blvd., Montreal



Heavy Combat / Combat En Armure

Tuesdays / mardis 7:30pm to 10:30pm

Girouard Park / Parc Girouard
Corner of Girouard and Sherbrooke West / Coin Girouard et Sherbrooke Ouest

Newcomers are strongly encouraged to contact the Knight Marshal before attending to confirm, as the details of the practice may change on short notice / Nous vous encourageons fortement à communiquer avec le Chevalier maréchal avant d'y assister, car l'endroit et l'heure de la pratique peuvent changer à tout moment.

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