

The Dancing Moon

February 2015



Calanais takes the line –
and
HL Thomas scores behind
Lady Disa's back



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Shire Announcements

Shire March Archery Practices will be on the 8th and the 29th – weather permitting.

Meeting Minutes – 10 February 2015

Fighter Marshal – There have been limited practices with limited attendance due to the seasonal weather. Hopefully both will pick-up with improved conditions.

Archery Marshal – Due no doubt to the bad weather, practices have been sparse. However, last weekend a MoS&T group showed up [2 knockdown recurves and a compound]. Info was passed to them on range handling and on how to acquire their own key.

~ March practices will be the 8th and the 29th – weather permitting.

Web Mistress – January Newsletter is up. Spring Spear page is up and linked to Kingdom Calendar. 2009 and 2010 Newsletter have been archived for spatial issues.

Exchequer – We have money: \$4, 276.01 as of January 31. Doomsday Report has been filed and accepted. Storage Shed fee due in April.

Herald – No Report.

Chronicler - No Report.

Arts & Sciences – February will be Button-Making by Mistress Rose. March will be Gulf War related. ~ Kingdom A&S is in April at Wyvern Cliff. Queen’s Prize is in September, and MAY BE real close.

Chieftains – As this is our anniversary point, we will present out Tithe. By show of hands it is clear there will be strong attendance.

~ Determined by Shire vote that check to be included with Tithe at Chieftains will be for \$600.

~ Items range from medallions and jewelry to knives and bookmarks and spoons.

Queen’s Prize – successful bid will be announced at/after Chieftains. We are one of two bids. Event is week after King’s Company and two weeks before Autumn Arrows.

Spring Spears – If you need help, ask ...

Co-Crats:	Aesa / Emerika / Disa	Feast-Crat:	Erik and Rose
Fighting:	Paul	List:	Rose –or- Emory and Crespin
Thrown Wpns:	Alan / Margery	Tokens:	Christine
Hall Steward	Rose		

Meeting Site: will be used by others in March; we will need to hide or remove Banner-making supplies.

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LEFT: HL Paul Adler and CN New-comer Missy Getts

Riddle

*In former days my father and mother,
Abandoned me dead, lacking breath
Or life or being. Then one began,
A kinswoman kind, to care for and love me;
Covered me with her clothing, wrapped me in her raiment,
With the same affection she felt for her own;
Until by the law of my life's shaping,
Under alien bosom I quickened with breath.
My foster mother fed me thereafter,
Until I grew sturdy and strengthened for flight.
Then of her dear ones, of daughters and sons,
She had the fewer for what she did.*

Amethyst

Having a great love of grape juice, Dionysus was the Greek god of wine. The ancient story says that after consuming several goblets of wine, a confrontational Dionysus was insulted after a mere mortal didn't show enough respect. The incident provoked his wrath upon the next mortal that he saw...

As the beautiful young maiden, Amethyst, came along on her way to pay tribute to the goddess Diana, Dionysus targeted her for his revenge. He summoned two ferocious tigers to devour the young maiden. As the vengeful god sat back to enjoy the spectacle, the beautiful Amethyst cried out to her goddess for help. Diana, hearing her cries, snapped her fingers turning her into a glimmering pure white quartz statue protecting her from being eaten. Realizing the ruthlessness of his action and consumed with guilt over his actions, Dionysus wept, some of his tears dripped into his goblet of wine. He then fell, spilling the tear-tainted wine onto the white statue of Amethyst where it was absorbed turning it deep purple creating the colored gem that we refer to as Amethyst, gemstone of the gods.

With the Greek mythology surrounding the origin of amethyst, perhaps it is fitting that it was considered a talisman used to prevent drunkenness, which explains why ancient goblets were made from this gemstone.

Amethyst shades of violet to purple have served as a symbol of royalty throughout history. Pharaohs, kings and queens, as well as leading lights in religious sects have long treasured it because of its rich, royal color.

Interestingly, The gallantry of the color purple dates back to Roman times with triumph celebrating generals wearing Toga Picta (an amethyst colored toga embossed with golden threads). Consequently, it was later worn by Emperors that had never been to battle.

Because Amethyst was thought to encourage celibacy (it was believed not only to have a sobering effect on drunkards, but, also to those overcome and over-excited by passion). Amethyst gemstones have also been important to the Catholic Church since the Middle Ages where the purple gemstone was important for decoration inside the churches. It is even considered the "Papal or Bishop's stone" and Bishops still wear amethyst rings today.

There were several other qualities attributed to the gemstone, Leonardo Da Vinci wrote that the Amethyst quicken intelligence and dissipate evil thought. It was believed that it could help hunters capture game, protect soldiers from harm and render persons shrewd in business matters and decisions.

Adornment using the Amethyst cabochons in gold rings can be traced to Greece during the Minoan period (2500 BC) and it was utilized as Nouveau art jewelry during the 19th century.

February 2015						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
No Archery Practice		6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting <u>Business Meeting & Potluck Dinner</u> Newburg United Methodist Church, Newburg, MO				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
2 PM Archery Practice Beaver Creek Conservation Area Rolla, MO		6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting <u>Project Night</u> Newburg United Methodist Church, Newburg, MO				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
No Archery Practice		6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting <u>A&S Class - Buttonmaking</u> Newburg United Methodist Church, Newburg, MO				<u>Chieftains</u> Barony of Three Rivers St. Louis, MO

Riddle Answer – the Cuckoo

Driving Directions:

Archery Practice: Beaver Creek Conservation Area: No Crossbows. No Archery in freezing temperatures (32° F). From Rolla, take Highway 63 south for several miles. The range gate will be on your left, immediately across the highway from the VFW post. Drive through the gate to the top of the hill, park and take the line!

Fighter Practice: tbd

Shire Meetings: Newburg United Methodist Church: Take I-44 to the Newburg Exit. Turn south. The church will be on your right, a little past the patrol car waiting at the bottom of the hill to catch all of you scoff-law speeders.

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