



The Dancing Moon

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Minutes of the September meeting

Officer Reports

WebMinister – Calendar is not yet updated. Seeking data.

Chronicler – Have had a volunteer for Deputy. Still waiting to learn date of Warrant.

Herald - NR

Archery Marshall – 2 weeks to Autumn Arrows. Archery will be held 25 September.

Fighter Marshall – Am personally on hiatus due to recovering knee injury.

Exchequer - \$2 509.22 on hand. All bills paid. C&T gear reimbursed. No deposits made yet for Autumn Arrows.

Arts and Sciences – Monthly List in progress around the meeting. Queen's Prize is this up-coming weekend. A&S theme for Autumn Arrows is "Falling." October Class is Basic Tablet Weaving by Lady Margery. November Class is Poetry by Lady Dulci. Known World Fibre Arts Symposium is up-coming.

Autumn Arrows

Voted by acclamation to approve 8 yard dumpster for \$150 for use on site.

Ideas for shoots sought. Please see MiC after the meeting.

General discussion about time of accessibility of site.

Katherine and Rose are doing the Feast.

There has been ONE merchant request.

Traveling Trophy has been tracked to Ann Renard. Availability for presentation has been confirmed.

42-cup coffee maker has been offered on loan to the event.

Nest will be local voice of the Steward for verifying Parking vice Camping areas.

Dulci has trophies ready for Bardic Competitions.

Auction:

Volunteers – Keith [as family permits], John and Alan.

Items – Knife maybe two, Tunic, Arrows, Outfit, Custom Mug, Pair of Goblets, Item of Jewelry.

Shire Officers

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Trivia Answers:

Q 1 – A matter of recent world news, HRM Elizabeth II celebrated her regnal anniversary of 64 years.

Q 2 - Ruled least time: **03 mos, Edward V**, 9 April – 25 June 1483, House of York

At the Tavern

A Sonnet

By

Dulcibella de Chateaurien

She, dancing, whirls and leaps, her skin aglow,
Men's eyes upon her, wanting, lusting, hot.
I glare at those who grasp and grope and grow
Each moment more ensnar'd, their minds besot.

"She's mine!" I cry, my fury devil's fire.
"Fair maiden's love no other man shall take!"
I draw my dagger, daring all their ire,
And wait, their blood to draw, their hearts to break.

She flings herself betwixt the swarm and me.
I turn to find her breast at dagger's point.
The pressing horde her stance o'erwhelms and she
My ardent steel with heart's blood doth anoint.

Her life a sever'd cord upon my blade,
Our riven bond eternal bonds have made.

10 Fascinating Bastard Children of Popes

Jana Louise Smit July 18, 2016

Although it would raise a few eyebrows today, Popes usually came with offspring in Renaissance Italy. Some were given immense power by their fathers. While a few papal love children remained grounded and became extraordinary adults, others enjoyed the dark side a little too much and became some of the most feared people of their time.

10 Felice della Rovere

Felice della Rovere, one of the most powerful women during the Italian Renaissance, was the illegitimate daughter of Pope Julius II. Born around 1483 to Cardinal Giuliano della Rovere, she was publicly ignored by her father when he became Pope.

Widowed at age 14, Felice resisted his attempts to put her into the arms of politically advantageous husbands. She chose her own husband—an uncaring baron from the sociopathic Orsini family. Felice's exceptional political mind won her husband Gian's admiration and brought reconciliation with the Pope.

She performed duties in Julius's name, and Gian's death gave Felice control over one of Rome's elite families and more power than any other woman in Italy. She protected her children from famine, plague, the dangerous Orsini clan, and the 1527 sack of Rome. At age 52, Felice died after almost two decades of influencing Popes.

9 Duke Of Parma

One of the soldiers who sacked Rome in 1527 was Pier Luigi Farnese, the bastard child of a cardinal who became Pope Paul III. Farnese also married into the Orsini family, but he had none of Felice della Rovere's moral strengths.

A murderous bisexual, he was a danger to whomever rejected his advances. His taste for violence distinguished Farnese as a soldier, but he pillaged, raped and killed. Pope Paul III bestowed cities and titles upon his psychotic offspring, including Duke of Parma, Piacenza and Castro.

Unsurprisingly, his cruelty and heavy taxes earned him the hatred of the nobility, who had never accepted the ill-born Farnese as one of their own. Farnese was murdered at 43 in a conspiracy that involved Emperor Charles V and the governor of Milan.

8 Giacomo Boncompagni

Pope Gregory XIII ascended to the papal throne at 70. Although he had produced a son, Giacomo, during his youth, Gregory deplored nepotism. Giacomo was given some status but was expected to make his own way—which he did.

He became an Italian feudal lord and eventually headed both the Papal Army and, as a general, the Spanish army. Some even wanted to make him the king of Ireland. After Gregory XIII died, Boncompagni held the most power in central Italy.

But the next Pope marked the end of this exceptional man. When Sixtus V came to power, Giacomo lost all his charges in the Papal States. He was also kept from his family by Spanish King Phillip II, who forced him to stay in Milan. When Boncompagni finally returned in 1612, he was sickly and soon died at age 64.

7 Franceschetto Cybo

Franceschetto Cybo made history by being the first papal bastard to be publicly acknowledged by the Pope who'd sired him. That's about as far as his achievements went. An obsessive gambler and rotten husband, he once tried looting the papal treasury.

Some nights, he and his friends tried forcing their way into the homes of civilians for "evil purposes." Even so, Pope Innocent VIII's influence assured that his wastrel son received heavy-duty titles such as governor of Rome and Count of the Lateran Palace.

When Innocent VIII died in 1492, so did the despised Cybo's protection. He hastily departed from Rome to beg the protection of his wife's family, the powerful de' Medici clan who ruled Florence. Two years later, he returned with a new title—Duke of Spoleto—from the newly elected Pope Julius II.

6 Giovanni Borgia

Giovanni Borgia, 2nd Duke of Gandia, was the favorite son of Pope Alexander VI and a married woman. When the 21-year-old duke was murdered, suspects included the rival Orsini and Sforza families who hated the infamous House of Borgia. Two of his younger brothers also had motives, but historically, their guilt was never proven.

The killing sparked questions that remain today. Giovanni left a feast where his siblings were also in attendance, but only his horse returned home—with a cut stirrup. His body was found with nine stab wounds and a slit throat, but his rich purse was untouched.

Oddly, the distraught Pope suddenly stopped the search for Giovanni's killers one week later. If Alexander had discovered that one of his other sons was responsible, it could explain the abrupt end to the investigation. Giovanni was also the grandfather of Saint Francis Borgia.

5 Gioffre Borgia

Gioffre Borgia, the youngest full brother of the slain Giovanni Borgia, was at the short end of their father's affections. Gioffre wasn't interested in politics and was, therefore, viewed as a runt. When Gioffre was 12, his father used him in a political move that might have caused the death of Giovanni. Although Gioffre was one of the brothers suspected of Giovanni's murder, it's unclear if Gioffre was involved. The preteen was married off to an older girl, 16-year-old Sancha of Aragon, to cement the power bond between Alexander VI and her father, Alfonso, who sat on the throne of Naples. Later, open hostility marred the Borgia siblings' relationship because Giovanni was rumored to have taken Gioffre's wife as a lover. This certainly gave Gioffre motive for murder, but Alexander publicly cleared him of the gruesome killing.

4 Cesare Borgia

Cesare was the most notorious Borgia sibling. He almost certainly organized the assassination of his sister's husband and was widely believed to have killed Giovanni. It's rumored that Cesare also wanted Sancha or his brother's position in the family.

After his Giovanni's death, Cesare did discard his own rank of cardinal to conquer land for himself. He used the Vatican's army and amassed a huge territory in just three years of ruthless violence. When malaria killed his father, Cesare no longer enjoyed papal protection and was arrested by the new pope, Julius II.

Cesare escaped and sought sanctuary with King John of Navarre. When a rebellion rose against King John, Cesare commanded his royal army but was ambushed during a skirmish. Alone, the 31-year-old duke met a violent end. Cesare was pulled from his horse, stripped, and killed with 25 wounds.

3 Lucrezia Borgia

Lucrezia Borgia, the famous daughter of Alexander VI, was accused of incest as well as being a poisoner and a witch. But historians now believe that Lucrezia was more a pawn of Alexander and Cesare than anything else.

Starting at age 11, they married her three times to gain power for themselves. Her first husband was 15 years older, and Pope Alexander annulled the marriage when it was no longer politically useful.

Lucrezia was pregnant at the time, and rumors pinned the paternity on the Pope or Cesare.

Next, Lucrezia was given to Alfonso of Aragon, whom she loved, but Cesare had him assassinated when the Borgias wanted a marriage alliance with France. At age 20, Lucrezia welcomed the third wedding—to get away from her family. In Ferrara, her life finally thrived alongside her husband, the Duke Alfonso d'Este. Lucrezia died at 39 after giving birth to a stillborn daughter.

2 Pope John XI

Born in AD 910, Pope John XI may have been the bastard son of Pope Sergius III. John's mother, Marozia, was the dominant force in Rome's politics. Through her influence, John got the holy chair when he was only 21 years old.

But things didn't go well for John, who had only four years left to live. He was the puppet of his mother, the real power behind the Vatican. But she was a kitten compared to her son Alberic II, who was the Pope's half brother.

Whereas John had been a good priest before he became Pope, Alberic was a dictator. He used mob force to overthrow and imprison his family so he could rule Rome. John was kept prisoner in the Lateran, where he died of unknown causes. Alberic's own son eventually became Pope John XII.

1 Alessandro de' Medici

Alessandro resulted from a liaison between Cardinal Giulio de' Medici (later Pope Clement VII) and a black servant. But Alessandro became a formidable figure despite his bastard birth and ethnic heritage (rarely shown in any of his portraits). The dukedom of Florence gave Alessandro immense power.

However, that came much later.

He had to flee when the Florentines opted for democracy and waited years until Emperor Charles V (the one who sacked Rome) beat Florence into submission. The emperor chose Alessandro as ruler, making him the first black head of state in the modern Western world.

When Pope Clement VII died, the opposition tried to oust Alessandro. But once again, the emperor safeguarded the duke. However, imperial protection couldn't save Alessandro from everything. A trusted distant cousin assassinated him. Today, many Italian and European blue bloods can trace their bloodlines back to Alessandro de' Medici.

English Monarchs – Trivia Questions

This trivia is based WITH and AFTER the NORMAN KINGS.

Which Monarch has ruled the longest time?

Which Monarch has ruled the shortest time?

Answers on page 4.



**Autumn Arrows XXVI:
Fall Faire**

Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2016

**Archery!
Thrown Weapons!
Arts & Sciences Competitions!
Auction! Feasting!**

**Pulaski County Ft. Wood Shrine Club
26920 Shrine Rd.
Laquey, MO 65534**

Site opens 5 PM Friday and closes 11 AM Sunday

Event Registration

Adult Registration - \$15

Youth (12-17) - \$5

Adult Member Registration - \$10

Child (0-11) - Free

Feast - \$10 per seat

Make checks payable to "SCA, Inc. - Shire of Calanais Nuadh"

Site Information

There is abundant tent camping space on flat ground, with permanent restrooms and showers on site (wheelchair accessible). Electrical access is not available. There is no indoor crash space, but several open-sided pavilions are available to shelter under. Pet dogs on leash are welcome. The site is wet.

Merchants are welcome! There is no additional fee, but please bring your own tables and contact the Merchant Wrangler to reserve space.

Archery & Thrown Weapons

Come take part in a full day of challenging archery and thrown weapons competitions! These will be followed by the Branch Champion Shoot, where group or baronial champions compete for the "traveling quiver."

Arts & Sciences Competition

General Arts & Sciences Competition: Anything that falls or includes or mentions the word "fall," including representations of things that fall. Examples to stimulate ideas: arrows falling from the sky, swords falling on enemy heads, falling in love, waterfalls, falling leaves, the fall of the dice, the fall of golden tresses, nightfall, and, of course, the fall season. In short, if you can work the word "fall" somewhere in your description, you're good to go. Documentation on a 3x5 card, at a minimum. Voting by populace choice.

Bardic/Writing Competitions

[Vault of Valhalla](#) is sponsoring the following competitions:

Bardic Performance Contest: A song, recitation, or story performed before an audience. Any medieval or SCA related topic - 15 minute time limit. Performance times will be determined on the day of the event. Please provide background and source information to audience as appropriate.

Written Bardic Contest: Poem or short story. Any medieval or SCA related topic - no more than 1500 words. Please specify style or type and general era for poetry. Can be printed or hand-written as long as it's readable. Please include background and source information as appropriate.

Research Article Contest: Any period topic, 600 to 1600 C.E. (or A.D.). No more than 1500 words. Use at least two credible sources. Cite your sources using either Chicago Manual of Style, APA or MLA conventions.

Food

The Dancing Moon Inn will be open at midday, with payment by donation.

A scrumptious feast will be served in the evening. Come prepared for some fantastic food, good company, and an entertaining mid-Feast auction. Feast is \$10 per seat, payable at Gate. Please contact one of the Event Stewards if you have questions or special dietary requests.

Directions

On I-44 just west of Waynesville, MO, take Exit 153 and turn south onto Hwy 17. Travel south on Hwy 17 for slightly more than one mile and watch for Shrine Club sign and SCA sign indicating a left turn onto Shrine Rd. (aka NN-333). After turning, follow the road as it goes through the parking lot and curves around the main club building, leading to the campground behind it.

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All the stewards ask - No phone calls after 9 PM please

Shire Announcements

Here is your latest and greatest Shire Newsletter ... and made even MORE great by the addition of a freely offered and gratefully accepted poem by our own Lady Dulci. Thanks again for your thoughtful and erudite contribution.

September 2016

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
11 4 PM Archery Practice, Fighter Practice, Beaver Creek Conservation Area, Rolla, MO	12 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting Business Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner, St Robert Municipal Building	13	14	15	16	17 Queen's Prize Coeur d'Ennui
18 NO Archery Practice, Or Fighter Practice, In favor Queen's Prize	19 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting Project Night St Robert Municipal Building	20	21	22	23	24 Gryphon's Fest Three Rivers
25 4 PM Archery Practice, Fighter Practice, Beaver Creek Conservation Area, Rolla, MO	26 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting Autumns Arrows Prep, St Robert Municipal Building	27	28	29	30	

October 2016

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1 Autumn Arrows Calanais Nuadh
2 NO Archery Practice, Or Fighter Practice In favor Autumn Arrows	3 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting Project Night St Robert Mun Bldg.	4	5	6	7	8 Fall Crown Lonely Tower
9 2 PM Archery Practice, Fighter Practice TBD	10 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting Business Meeting / Pot Luck Dinner, St Robert Municipal Building	11	12	13	14	15 Vertigo Lost Moor

September 2016

- 11 2 PM Archery Practice, Fighter Practice,
Beaver Creek Conservation Area, Rolla, MO
- 12 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting Business Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner,
St Robert Municipal Building
- 17 **Queen's Prize, Coeur d'Ennui** King, Queen attending
Meetings of Order of:
Calon Lily and Silver Hammer
Elevations: two to Laurel
[For details, see Kingdom Calendar]
- 18 NO Archery Practice, Or Fighter Practice,
In favor Queen's Prize
- 19 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting Project Night, St Robert Municipal Building
- 24 **Gryphon's Fest, Three Rivers**
- 25 4 PM Archery Practice, Fighter Practice,
Beaver Creek Conservation Area, Rolla, MO
- 26 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting, Autumn's Arrows Prep,
St Robert Municipal Building

October 2016

- 1 – 2 **Autumn Arrows, Calanais Nuadh**
- 2 **NO Archery Practice, Or Fighter Practice,**
In favor Autumn Arrows
- 3 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting Project Night, St Robert Mun Bldg.
- 8 **Fall Crown, Lonely Tower** King, Queen attending
Meetings of: Witan
Order of the Chivalry
- 9 2 PM Archery Practice, Fighter Practice **TBD**
- 10 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting Business Meeting / Pot Luck Dinner,
St Robert Municipal Building
- 15 **Vertigo, Lost Moor**

Driving Directions:

Archery Practice: Beaver Creek Conservation Area: No Crossbows. No Archery if temperature is below [32° F] or above [95° F]. Temperature is based on Weather Cannel Reports. If forecast is in these extremes, a decision will be made in a timely fashion to allow for driving. If rain is forecasted follow rules for temperatures. 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: Will be held in conjunction with Archery Practice. Unless contrary information is promulgated via Facebook and/or Yahoo Group.

Shire Meetings:

Driving directions: If you are traveling south on Missouri Ave. after coming into St. Robert on Exit 161, turn left at the first stoplight onto Eastlawn Ave. (look for the Arby's). After passing Paul's Furniture and the Dollar Store, take the first right to turn into the gigantic parking lot of the Municipal Center.

Room Directions: Our new meeting space is Room H of the St. Robert Municipal Center (aka City Hall). When you enter the building from the main doors, walk down the central atrium toward the police station. Take the first hallway on your right, immediately after the VA office, and follow it to the end. This is the same room that is used for driver license testing during the week.

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