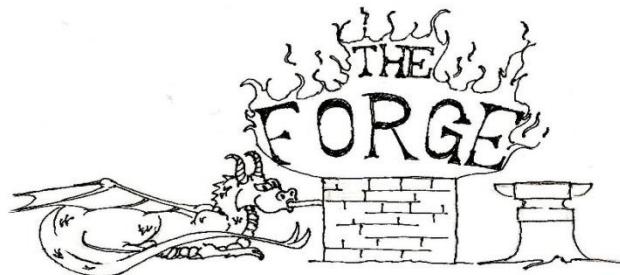


The Forge

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Greeting!

As the newest editor of the Forge I would like to invite anyone who is interested to please submit to me any stories, pictures, artwork, and articles that you would like to have published in the Shire of Smythkepe “Forge”.

MidSummer Knight's Dream

Shire of Smythkepe

Camp Cahinnio, Booneville, AR

August 30th-September 1st, AS 48

The autocrat for the event was Kathryn von Kiehl, assisted by The Honorable Lord Cinaed of Eden. The feastocrat was Alix Dite Merline, assisted by The Honorable Lady Aveline Frazer. Both the autocrat and the feastocrat were new at being in charge of the event and feast. Neither of them had experience with being a crat. The reservationist was The Honorable Lady Aesa. She also ran troll.

The weekend of Labor Day was a wonderful weekend. It got a little hot, but we had a little bit of a rain shower later that afternoon. It was so hot that the equestrian marshal chose to cancel the activities scheduled for the horses. Other than the equestrian activities, we also had rapier fighting, archery, A&S classes, a murder mystery quest, heavy weapons fighting, court, feast, and a Masked Ball to end the night.

Troll counted 91 people on site with more than 70 eating feast. The site tokens were drama masks to represent the theatrics of the murder mystery theme. They were all made by Meister Frederick. He casted them out of pewter. They looked lovely.

On Friday night, weary travelers came in and ate fried rice. They also danced under the moonlight outside of the feast hall.

Saturday morning for breakfast, we had pancakes, bacon, and juice. It was yummy. Troll opened again for day-trippers and the inspections for the marshalled activities began.

The MiC for heavy weapons was The Honorable Lord Dante di Parro, with Lord AlfrikR Riksson overseeing the activities. They had a barrier tourney and a meanest mother tournament. It qualified as a ToC tournament.

The rapier marshal was Baron Binn MacBranain. For the Smythkepe Defender tourney, only one person came, but the youth tourney in the afternoon ended in a three way tie!

The archery marshal, Lord Kolr, had assistance for the morning with the Royal Rounds and hosted the Dragon shoot in the afternoon. Steaffan Shaw won the shoot! He won a dozen custom made arrows for his skills.

The classes were organized by THL Cinaed. We had two dancing classes, a Viking needlecase class, a class on knitting, another one on kite-making, and more. The classes sounded so wonderful!

In the afternoon, Kathryn ran the murder mystery. About ten people participated and they all said they had fun. They asked questions and looked at the evidence to determine who murdered the victim. In the end, no one guessed it, so the murderer got away with the dastardly deed!

We ran a silent auction to raise money. Half went to the Kingdom and half went to the Shire. There were so many items to bid on! Many beads, a Viking needlecase, a leather water bottle, many yards of fabric, a mug, and more.

Before court began, we had our Anvil Toss. There were three sizes for each category--men, women, and children. So many entrants, only three winners.

At court, many people got awards. Baroness Karis and Lord Kolr presented their taxes. The newcomers were given a treat, as did the children of the realm. King Jon and Queen Emma gave Lord Kolr a barony. Tristan was made Honorable Lord. One lady was given the Jeweled Ring. Kathryn, the autocrat, received her Award of Arms. Baroness Madd Alex was given a new barony coronet that properly fit her head and I have to say that the coronet looked absolutely gorgeous. Meister Frederick gave the autocrat the soapstone mold for the site tokens. He said that this was only the fourth time that he gave away his mold. An honor indeed.

Feast was absolutely fantastic. Along with each meal, we had a story lead by the Hall Steward, Lord AlfrikR, of tracking down a dragon and defeating it. At one point, one of the cooks came out of the kitchen, his shirt burned, and said that the dragon was trying to resist, but they're succeeding against the dragon. The first remove was dragon tracks (herbed and honeyed butter on bread). The second remove was dragon eg

gs in a nest (stuffed meat wrapped in bacon on a bed of veggies). The third remove was dragon tail and dragon tooth soup (sausage baked in bread and apple-onion soup). The last remove was Victory cake! It was a delicious dense cake covered in raisin sauce and honey. I had to get the recipe and take it home. Ohhh...

During feast, the king and queen chose to reopen court and make the Stewart family of the Kingdom of Meridies honorary citizens of Gleann Abhann. They have been coming to so many GA events and helping to teach us dancing. We are definitely grateful for their efforts.

After feast, the Masked Ball began and there were so many beautiful masks. The dancing went on and the attendees had a blast learning new dance moves.

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Autocrat for MSKD XXI

At MSKD XXI there were 8 classes scheduled but there were only 6 held as one teacher had to cancel at the last minute. Classes included: "A Kite for the Kid I You" with 6 students taught by THL Archer, " A Survey of Needle Cases " with 4 students taught by Master Frederick, "Medieval Knitting" with 4 students taught by Apollonia Faust, "Greek Hairstyles " taught by Lady Victoria had 1 student and Lord Marcus taught 2 dance classes with 8 students in the combined classes.

I ran an Anvil toss at MSKD also in which we had 3 divisions, a youth, a male, and female winner. Aesa won the women's toss for the second year. Also Reneé, and I held a silent auction bringing in over 500.00 dollars which was split between the shire and kingdom.

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Cinaéd

Konpllosion 2013

This was the second year that the Shire of Smythkepe was invited to participate in Konpllosion at the Fort Smith Convention Center. This convention is an anime, gamers, fantasy role players weekend of fun!

We were fortunate enough to have help from many people outside the shire to do this demo. Grimfells people came down, and others showed up to help put on a nice presentation.

Besides the fighter's; Lady Signey did bookmark calligraphy which is so nice because people walk away with a token to remember the SCA. Lady Dia and many others brought a variety of items for people to look at and ask questions about; Dia's extensive token collection made me jealous. Other A&s projects were being demoed, along with Lady Kathryn showing illumination.

The fighter's had a fighting demo every hour and a table of armour and crossbows set up for public viewing.

Lord Kenneth and I set up a table with catapults for children and those young at heart to try to knock down the dragon for chocolate prizes.

The fun thing about this convention is the variety of things that you run into:

- 1) People in all sorts of cosplay/costuming situations. Everything from our medieval bunch to zombies, Mario, the Joker, Rocky Horror, etc.
- 2) Trivia games, gaming of all kinds, Nerf wars and zombie shoots.
- 3) Karate demonstrations of board breaking.
- 4) Question and answers with anime/voice over stars.
- 5) And of course the SCA room with all the entertainment we provided.

That was just a sampling of all that was available.

I hope that we continue to be invited to Konplosion. It's a great weekend and a great demo opportunity for the SCA.

Lady Aveline Frazer

Shire of Smythkepe.