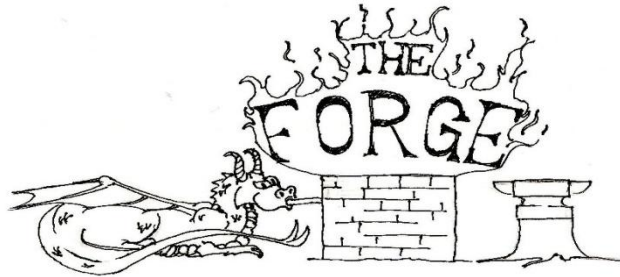


The Forge
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Greeting!

As the 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's "Forge".

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Chronicler

Greetings and salutations Shire-mates! I hope that life is treating you well, and that you are learning new things and making lots of wonderful stuff.

We had a wonderful conversation at the last business meeting about “Atmosphere”. We talked about some of the things that caught our attention and peaked our interest before we started playing this game. How the sight of banners in the breeze catch our attention, how the sight of someone’s beautiful garb inspires us to make something new of our own. We enjoy the sound of swords on shields, beautiful furniture, and even someone’s chivalric manners. We also talked about things that we can do to encourage that feeling at our fighter practices.

So I encourage each one of you, this quarter, to do something each practice that can help us to improve our public “atmosphere”. Bring a project to work on, wear your garb, sit in your SCA chairs, or bring your banners and display them. These things will help us to draw attention to what we are doing, and maybe, will help us draw new people into our hobby.

Please be sure to contact the Chatelaine if you want some contact business cards or flyers. I look forward to seeing more of you at practice as the weather warms up. Do remember that if the temperature is below 55 degrees, or above 98 degrees, that practice will be canceled. If you have any questions about if it is or is not going to happen, be sure to contact the Knight’s Marshal and he will let you know.

Ever in service,

Baroness Ceara inghean Lasair

Seneschal

Chivalric Middle Ages

Ok, I'd like to start this article off by stating I am not an expert on Chivalric deeds or actions. Having said that I do see a need for this article if for no more than to act as a speed bump in the mundanity of events.

We in the SCA advertise Chivalry and the "best of the middle ages" but do we see it in practice? Do we hold ourselves to higher standards? Here are some thoughts to ponder.

Are we observant to opportunities to assist others? Gentlemen, do you see the chance to assist some Damsel in carrying her load. Helping a Camp mate set camp. Taking 30 minutes to do service. Ladies, do you let a gentleman assist you. Do you spend 30 minutes watching the fighters to gain an understanding of whats going on. Do you support the fighters or archers if your not one already.

Everybody do we make an effort to meet someone new at an event and just talk. We spend a lot of time with our own "clicks" and sometimes new people get overlooked. When I first joined there were classes at events that discussed chivalric philosophy and gave examples. These were great classes taught by persons that showed their Chivalric by actions.

I urge us all to take a moment to consider what we can do.

Dante Di Pirro

Adventure Time.....oops, Persona Time!

Ever been to an event and heard someone spin a tale about where they are from and what they've done, and thought OMG that's too cool.

Then thought you think to yourself; I need to do that. But how? First ask your herald. If they can't help, then sit down and look at history.

First your name, Where's it from. What time period? What happened in History, and how old is your Persona. Who were your Parents? What was your heritage? Where did you go? Why did you go there?

With an SCA persona; your life is your easel, Paint it as you will.

Dante, Owner of Mars.