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Of the Society for Creative Anachronism



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Recreated Viking Longhouse, adjacent to the Fyrkat Viking Ring Castle, Denmark  
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The Shire of Riviere Constelle is the local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) covering Southwest Indiana (DuBois, Gibson, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties) with activities covering much of the region. The SCA is a world-wide, non-profit organization of history minded recreationists. In the SCA we recreate the costumes, martial traditions and many of the arts and crafts of the Middle Ages and Early Renaissance. We invite you to come join us at one of our meetings, events or classes/practices. Come and “get medieval” with us for fun!

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## Shire Officers\*

\* This is a partial officer list. These gentles will be happy to put you in touch with the appropriate officer or activity coordinator. Please see our Shire's *Domesday Book* for a complete list of officers, members and friends, or contact our Seneschal. Thank you!

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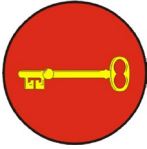
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# Letters and Announcements

Letters signed by the officer were written by the officer, unsigned letters are announcements written by the Chronicler.

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**From the Seneschal:**

Greetings

Greetings unto the Shire of Riviere Constelle and our friends from His Excellency, Master Accolon Shadowhawk

My salutes to our warriors who displayed valor on the fields of Pennsic, defending the mighty Midrealm from our enemies. The Kingdom has been secured, so for now it is time to oil and clean the weapons of war and to turn our thoughts to hearth and home.

We will be holding our annual Event, Rendezvous at the Bridge, at Lincoln State Park the Weekend of October 25-27. Pray heed our autocrats, Oscar and Caterina, and help where you may. Your generous hearts have never failed us before, so we know you will be excellent hosts for our guests!

Last, I wish to thank our new Officers for heeding the call to serve our shire and thank our outgoing officers! Alardin de Caus has agreed to serve as Herald, Lord Cygnus Destelle is our new Social Media Minister, Lady Deidre Mhaoil Mhuire is our new Minister of Arts and Sciences and Lord Faustus Einhorn is our new Chatelaine. Domingo de Velasco will be assuming the role of Web Minister in the near future. Many thanks and a hearty hoobah to Lady Catarina, Lady Magdalena and Lord Oscar for their service to the Shire as officers! Please consider becoming a deputy. Help is always appreciated.

I remain yours in service,  
Accolon, Seneschal

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**From the Chatelaine:**

Pageantry in the Park and Rendezvous at the Bridge are right around the corner. Please encourage new/newer members and friends to attend these activities. They are wonderful places for folks to discover new friends and interests close to home.

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**From the Mistress of Arts & Sciences:**

Greetings!

Please contact me if you are willing to teach a class or are interested in learning about a specific topic. My thanks for Lady Magdalena for serving as MoAS.

In your service,  
Lady Deirdre



**From the Exchequer:**

Warm greetings,

I finally have received edits from our Kingdom Exchequer on the Financial Policy that we drafted two years ago. Very minor changes/edits were needed and I will review the changes at our next meeting so that we can finally put this document officially in place. It isn't any different from what we were already doing, it just means that we're "legal" since this document is a requirement for us to have.

After Rendezvous, I will need receipts from any purchases that members made for the event as soon as possible. No receipt, no reimbursement. The event financial report is due 30 days after the event, so any receipts that are received after that point may be considered donations. ☺

In Service,  
Kirsten

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**Thrown Weapons:**

Greeting to one and all,

There will be thrown weapons practice and tourney (weather permitting) at Rendezvous. I encourage you to take a few minutes to visit the Thrown Weapons area to test your skill!

Yours in Service,  
Kirsten

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**From the Web Minister**

Greetings my lords and ladies! This is Lady Caterina, your friendly Webminister reporting in.

We have had issues with the great interweb over the last several months but I believe we have cleaned all the spiders from the web and all now appears in order. Our website is back up and running and Rendezvous at the Bridge page is updated with all pertinent details. I believe we will soon have a new officer taking over as Webminister who has greater skills than I. Hopefully this change of office brings much-needed updates and life to our website.

2024 has been an exceedingly busy year for our household and we have not been as active in SCA events as a result. We hope that changes in 2025 and look forward to seeing all of your friendly faces soon.

Your friend,  
Lady Caterina Luciano

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**From the Chronicler:**

Greetings!

This has been such a busy year, so my apologies for late/offset Q3 and Q4 newsletters. The Q4 newsletter will come out a couple of weeks after Rendezvous so that we can include photos and event notes.

I remain yours in service,  
Kirsten



**From the Rapier Marshal:**

Greetings unto the Shire!

Shire rapier practices continue to be held on Sunday afternoons, with good attendance and much learning. Some of our fencers who were new after last year's Pageantry in the Park are now teaching and recruiting new fencers, and so we grow. The fields of Pennsic also saw our rapier combatants—and champions—do well on Pennsic's many battlefields. Kudos to all who attended and skewered our foes...

With Lord Cygnus being warranted as a Marshal of Fence, we now have another active marshal in the Shire. We also have been blessed with the fencers visiting from neighboring Mynydd Seren. We have also seen the Bande of St. Crispin grow and members have passed a number of advanced authorizations.

The Shire of Riviere Constelle's rapier community continues to grow and prosper. Many thanks and kudos to those who have joined, become marshals, and stepped into other offices as well. So, to all and sundry, let us keep practicing and honing our skills. See you at practice!

I remain, in service to Shire and Kingdom,  
Sir Ragnarr Arnbjornsson

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**From the incoming Herald:**

Greetings and salutations to the Shire,

I'm Alardin de Caux, formerly Brian the Fleeting. As you may already know, Lady Caterina has stepped down as local herald, and as such it has come unto me to take up the mantle. While I haven't been on the SCA for long and have big shoes to fill, I believe that I'm capable of doing this. My thanks to Lady Caterina for her service and assistance as I get up to speed.

I hope when working with you fellows and see what inspired ideas you have, if not being stabbed by our fellow fencers.

Yours in service,  
Alardin de Caux

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## **Important upcoming dates:**

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| Sept 21   | Pageantry in the Park, Wesselman Park, 12 noon – 5 PM           |
| Sept 25   | Mushroom Tart Making Night, Ragnarr & Kirsten's house, 6:00 PM  |
| Oct 9     | Rendezvous Dish Washing, Oscar & Catarina's House, 6:00 PM      |
| Oct 20    | Cooked Apple Cooking Night, Ragnarr & Kirsten's house, 6:00 PM  |
| Oct 22    | Last Minute Rendezvous Prep, Ragnarr & Kirsten's house, 6:00 PM |
| Oct 25-27 | Rendezvous at the Bridge XXXIV                                  |
| Oct 29    | Event Post Mortem & Leftover dining, 6:00 PM food, 6:30 Meeting |



**From the Knight Marshal:**

Greetings Friends,

I can gladly say that I have only good things to tell you.

Our Armored practices are being held nearly every week and are fairly well attended, with a regular stream of new people showing up to try out the fighting.

The shire's loaner armor is functional, in good repair, and is used at nearly every practice. I have completed an inventory of the shire's loaner armor and it stands thus:

- 1 Stainless steel helmet, size large
- 2 mild steel helmets, size medium
- 3 black cotton arming caps
- 1 full suit plastic & hockey gear armor, large
- 1 full suit plastic & hockey gear armor, medium
- 1 rattan sword with black plastic cup hilt

Anyone is welcome to use this armor if they wish to try Armored combat at our practices.

I am happy to report that on September 7th, a team of Armored fighters from our shire traveled south to the kingdom of Meridies for the event "Battle in the Borderlands." This is a small melee event that our hosts hope to see become a regular inter-kingdom battle event. It may be small, but the fun had was very large indeed.

Our team consisted of:

- Captain Dietrich
- The Honorable Lady Kate
- Austin
- Sir Norman
- Cassidon
- Sir Bran

This is a sizable team for our area and each of our soldiers acquitted themselves honorably. Our Kingdom was well represented and I'm very proud of our shire's showing. It is my hope that we continue to support this event and return with an even larger team next year.

As we move further into the fall season, we have our yearly demo: Pageantry in the Park to look forward to as well as our regular tournament and feast: Rendezvous at the Bridge. I will be the marshal in charge of armored combat at both of these events. I welcome all questions and input regarding them.

I look forward to seeing you at these events and enjoying good times with you.

Yours in joyous service,  
Sir Bran Atte Rowan

Town walls of Visby, Gotland Sweden  
Photo by Donna Herum  
(Kirsten Thorsteinsdottir)



Hello friends!

Rendezvous at the Bridge is right around the corner and are working to make this a memorable and fun event. Since this is close to Halloween, we are making this Rendezvous follow a more harvest festival/spooky theme. Macabre themes and images were rife during the medieval period and we are excited to be using them to enhance our event.

Cooking nights are happening (look on our FB page for dates and times) and we will have a few more before the event happens, volunteers are more than welcome (and much needed and appreciated) to help out with this. We will be having a project night soon for face drawing on our milk jugs we are collecting. If you can, please come to this and add your artistic talent to drawing faces.

We still have a fair amount spots open for those interested in volunteering for helping during the event. This is a well-regarded event and often has people traveling many hours to attend, so any and all help we get to make it successful is greatly appreciated.

If you have ideas for this event, perhaps things that you'd love to see or a class that you want to teach, reach out to me and we can see about making it happen.

I look forward to seeing and hearing from you!

Your humble event steward,  
Oscar



### **From the Historian**

APRIL - AUGUST 2024:

#### SHIRE OF RIVIERE CONSTELLE HISTORIANS REPORT FOR APRIL TO AUGUST:

- Congratulations to Master Michelangelo di Padua (Curtis Byrd) the shire's first Master of Defense!
- Corey Striegel won in the novice tournament at Grand tournament of the Dragon.
- Congratulations to Lady Mackenzie (Mackenzie Bryant), the new Queen's Youth Rapier Champion, having authorized in Division 3 Youth Rapier in both single sword and dagger.
- Congratulations to Lord Adrian Harper (Payton Wright) and Lord Cygnus De Stellé (Peyton Grimm) for receiving their Award of Arms at Crown Tourney.
- Several members have offered to take on officer roles, including Lady Deirdre (Deirdre Hina) for Mistress of Arts and Sciences, Lord Faustus Einhorn (Duncan Hageman) as Chatelaine, Lord Cygnus De Stellé (Peyton Grimm) as Social Media Officer; Alardin de Caux (Brian Ellis) as Herald and Domingo del Velasco (Sam Morris) as Web Minister.
- Thanks to Lady Deirdre (Deirdre Hina) for creating a lovely scroll inviting Their Royal Highnesses to attend Rendezvous at the Bridge!
- Congratulations to Lord Faustus Einhorn \* (Duncan Hageman) received his AoA at Mounted War Games
- Congratulations to Michelangelo di Padua (Curtis Byrd) who served as a rapier champion at Pennsic, and also won his match. Congratulations to the members of the Bande for honorable combat at Pennsic.

Yours in service,  
Thorfridhr Hrolfsdottir

# Birthdays

<b>Birthday</b>	<b>SCA Name</b>
09/04	Savaric de Pardieu
09/09	Igraine Le Fey Ravensong
09/13	Anne Gladioux
09/15	Caterina Luciano
09/17	Michelangelo Di Padua
09/23	Anatole Desjarden

<b>Birthday</b>	<b>SCA Name</b>
09/23	Montgomery Frank
09/26	Angelike Josette
10/22	Jessmond Black
10/31	Dietrich Bauer
11/08	William Whitehouse
11/10	Gilchrist Monaghan

## Riviere Constelle Calendar

**Please check the Riviere Constelle Facebook page for calendar changes and announcements for project days and other excuses to get together!**

Sept 1	Fighting Practice, Wesselman Park, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Sept 8	Fighting Practice, Wesselman Park, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Sept 10	Pouch Making Class by Kirsten, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:30 PM
Sept 15	Fighting Practice, Wesselman Park, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Sept 17	Business Meeting/Project Day, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6 PM dinner, 6:30 meeting
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Recreated Viking ship at the  
Roskilde Museum,  
Copenhagen, Denmark.  
Photo by Donna Herum (Kirsten  
Thorsteinsdottir)





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