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Rendezvous XXXIV Feast Hall
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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!

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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From the Seneschal:

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

May the upcoming holidays find you healthy and your larders well-stocked for the winter months.

Rendezvous at the Bridge was a wonderful success, due to the excellent efforts of our members. A special thank you and recognition to Lady Caterina and Lord Oscar for being the event stewards for a second year in a row! Thanks also to Lady Eren for her efforts both before and during the event wrangling all of the reservations.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we cannot use Lincoln State Park for Rendezvous next year (but we will be back the following year). If you have ideas or connections with potential 2025 Rendezvous sites, please contact me ASAP as a team will be reviewing and hopefully booking a 2025 site and date for Rendezvous XXXV soon!

Our annual 12th Night celebration will occur on Sunday January 12th, which will include martial activities, a pot-luck feast, dancing and socializing. More details will be forthcoming. We hope to see our members and friends there!

I remain yours in service,
Accolon, Seneschal



From the Exchequer:

Warm greetings,

This was a good quarter for the shire! We reviewed and have approved a Financial Policy after several years of waiting on the Kingdom to review our draft! Our books were audited in September and there were no major findings or issues. One minor improvement recommendation to record-keeping was made and that has already been implemented.

We also had an extremely successful Rendezvous at the Bridge, both from the standpoint of the stellar weather, happy guests and very good financial standing. We made a profit of about \$1600. Several reasons for this outstanding profit -- we did not rent the whole camp Thursday which saved about \$550, I found some very good food prices so breakfast, lunch and feast all made profits and we had good turnout for lunch and almost sold-out feast.

The event provides the cash for all things that we do through the year, including donations to St. Mark's and Bethel UCC for meeting and winter fighting sites, donations to the Royal Travel Fund and new equipment for officers and activities that we want to do.

In Service,
Kirsten



From the Knight Marshal:

Greetings Friends,

Our armored combat community has moved to the winter practice site at Bethel United Church of Christ on Green River Road. We hold regular practices on Sundays. This year, we have invited our friends from Evansville Fangorn Forest Skirmish Group to join us at our winter practices. I hope you will make them feel welcome.

In service,
Sir Bran



From the Rapier Marshal:

Greetings unto the Shire!

Shire rapier practices continue to be held on Sunday afternoons, with good attendance and much learning. With Lord Cygnus warranted as a Marshal of Fence, we now have another active marshal in the Shire. In addition, Lord Adrian Harper is working towards becoming a Marshal, so the Shire is in great shape from the Marshals view...Thanks also to the marshals and fencers from Mynydd Seren who have joined us in many of our practices.

I wish to call everyone's attention to our variable schedule in this holiday season. Bethel United Church of Christ is hosting its annual Christmas musical, so between Nov. 24 and December 15, the gym and Fellowship Hall will be unavailable for practices. During this interval, we can still hold practices outside (weather permitting) and we hope to have access to indoor bathrooms. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Please follow the Shire's Face Book page to see any announcements.

I commend all to have gloriously great holidays, to see to the maintenance of your blades, and to enjoy the season! 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



From the Mistress of Arts & Sciences:

Greetings!

Arts and Science classes will be held every month. We welcome anyone who would like to teach. Also, if there is a topic you wish to learn, please, let me know. Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming classes and activities.

Our annual event, Rendezvous at the Bridge, went well. We had several classes. Many thanks to those who taught. We also had an A&S populace competition. Thank you for all who entered and those that voted.

Yours in Service,
Lady Deirdre mael Mhuire



From the Outgoing Web Minister:

Greetings,

I am happy to announce Domingo has agreed to step in as Web Minister and work on desperately needed upgrades to our website. Paperwork has been completed and will be sent this week. Join me in welcoming Domingo as an official officer of the shire.

In service, Caterina Luciano



From the Chronicler:

Greetings!

It is rapidly approaching Domesday Book (phone list) time! I will be passing around last year's copy for updates and additions. This is also a place to keep track of awards received so if you received an award this year, please add that to the back of the copy. I will email and message folks to get their updates also, but the hand-written updates are actually easier for me to update than sifting through email messages trying to identify potential changes. Domesday books will be available at 12th Night for a \$1.00 donation.

My thanks to by Lady Raziya al-Zarqa' and Lord Tighernan Holedigger for sharing their photographs from the event.

I remain yours in service,
Kirsten



From the Historian

SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 2024:

- Lady Mackenzie (Mackenzie Bryant) was chosen as the Royal Bard of the Middle Kingdom.
- Rendezvous at the Bridge was very successfully held October 25-27.
- Lord Cygnus Distelle received his Cavendish Knot at RUM.

Yours in service,
Thorfridhr Hrolfsdottir

From our Event & Feast Stewards:

Hello Shire!!

Rendezvous at the Bridge has come and gone and what a wonderful weekend it was. The weather was perfect, cool enough for those on the list and clear enough for sun to warm and showcase the changing leaves in the area.

I wish to offer my sincere gratitude to all those that stepped up and made this event possible and run smoothly. The autocrat is just one person, it is all those that work tirelessly behind the scenes to pull it off.

While making my rounds, I received a multitude of compliments from those in attendance. These ranged from noting how smoothly the event was running to how well documented classes were posted, to delight in the feast.

This was the result of so many people coming together, YOU made it happen. If this was your first event, I hope you had a great time and see the SCA for its magic and fun.

Please don't hesitate to volunteer for next year's event, we have spots open all over and can find a place for any and all. All it takes is a willingness to help and a good attitude.

Thank you all again for making this possible, our shire may be small but we are large in heart and mind.

Yours in Service,
Oscar

Greetings from your friendly Web Minister and Rendezvous co-autocrat.

I am happy to announce Domingo has agreed to step in as Web Minister and work on desperately needed upgrades to our website. Paperwork has been completed and will be sent this week. Join me in welcoming Domingo as an official officer of the shire.

As for Rendezvous, we had a most excellent weekend thanks to great weather and even greater support from fellow shire members and SCAdians. The helping hands were plenty, which made the event a success. We received positive feedback from attendees on the laid-back aspect of our event, and how smoothly everything runs. This is in no small part due to all the people who pitch in and help.

I cannot possibly name each person who stepped up to help as there were many. However, I do want to give a special shout out to Mistress Kirsten and Sir Ragnarr for all the work they do throughout the year and in the background to make this event a success. They handle all the details, big and small, like shopping, storing food, cooking nights, site coordination... the list is endless. We succeed because they lay such a solid foundation that we can't possibly fail.

I would also like to thank Lord Oscar who stepped into the main autocrat role this year. He handled much of the pre-event work, coordinating with vendors and classes and many other items that I didn't have to think about. He communicated with anyone who had questions and handled most of the coordination of things himself. He made my job as co-autocrat very easy.

Thank you to all the new members who stepped up and helped out this year. For many, this was your first event, and you were encouraged to just enjoy the event. Nonetheless you stepped up and volunteered anyway. You have made a great impression on many of us.

Enough rambling from me. Wishing happy holidays to all of you as we roll into the holiday season. May blessings surround you.

Yours in service,
Caterina Luciano

From the Feastocrat of Rendezvous XXXIV:

With a gusty sigh, the final dishes have been washed and stored away, so it is now time for me to thank the many Shire members whose prodigious efforts made this year's feast a success. Many hands showed up to the preliminary cooking nights as well as to the hard work in the kitchen during the event. I want to especially thank Sgt. Dietrich ("Blue") for stepping up to learn the process of running our feast so that he can soon begin to take the reins in future feasts. I also owe huge thanks to the "pros from Dover:" Sir Brandr and Ladies Sighni and Astridr. Also invaluable were our splendid dishwashing crew: Sir Bran, Lady Amadeus and Lord Alardin. Also indispensable were Lord Azrael, Lady Caterina and Lord Oscar. Thanks also to our excellent servers who got all of the food out to our appreciative guests. And I want to give special thanks to the lady whose year-long efforts for the feast including purchasing, shepherding cooking nights, and superb cooking skills are what makes our feast possible, Mistress Kirsten. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive my addled brain.

Finally, I ask everyone who enjoyed the feast to please pass these thanks on to our crew. While I get the kudos, the feast would be cold and late—and probably inedible—without them. Thanks so much!!!!!!

Sincerely,
Sir Ragnarr Arnbjornsson

Birthdays

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>SCA Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>SCA Name</u>
11/08	William Whitehouse	12/11	Christina Noëlle
11/10	Gilchrist Monaghan	12/12	Sighni Alvadottir
11/18	Astridr Hrothgarskona	12/15	Jennifer White
11/21	Tomas the Lapidary	12/19	Sophia Wells
12/06	Erennach ingen ui Ronain (Eren)	12/21	Thorfinnr Sleggja
12/06	Mark mac Kill	12/23	Norman Fraunceys

Riviere Constelle Calendar

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

Nov 3	Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Nov 10	Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Nov 17	Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Nov 19	Business Meeting/Dinner, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6 PM dinner, 6:30 meeting
Nov 21	Gorget Making, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:00 PM
Nov 24	Fighting Practice TBA: Bethel Gym is not available
Dec 1	Fighting Practice TBA: Bethel Gym is not available
Dec 8	Fighting Practice TBA: Bethel Gym is not available
Dec 15	Fighting Practice TBA: Bethel Gym is not available
Dec 17	Business Meeting/Dinner, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6 PM dinner, 6:30 meeting
Dec 22	Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Dec 29	Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Jan 5	Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Jan 12	12th Night, Bethel UCC, times TBD
Jan 19	Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Jan 21	Business Meeting/Dinner, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6 PM dinner, 6:30 meeting



Photographs of
Rendezvous at the Bridge XXXIV
by Lady Raziya al-Zarqa' (Kim Gannett) and
Lord Tighernan Holedigger (Shawn Murphy)





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