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View of church domes in Naples Italy
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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 members and friends of the Shire of Riviere Constelle from HE,
Master Accolon Shadowhawk.

It is my hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas and Yule Season. Soon, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany with a joyful 12th Night celebration!

As the Holiday Season closes, let us use this time in the New Year to refresh our devotion to the SCA, the Kingdom and our Shire! Take up a new art. Try combat or combat archery. And let's support one another and take stock of our precious friends!

Also, I would encourage our new members to approach an officer and ask if there is something you can do to help! The Shire of Rivere Constelle cannot exist without volunteer workers and officers. And surprisingly, the work is not as hard as you would imagine. Please consider helping the shire so you can continue to enjoy this noble pastime.

Last, I wish to congratulate His Lordship Gregory Bryant for being placed on vigil for elevation into the Order of the Pelican. This is a fitting recognition for His many years of service to the Constellation Region and to the Middle Kingdom!

I remain yours in service,
Master Accolon, Baron of the Court, Seneschal and Esquire



From the Chatelaine:

Happy New Year Shire!!

I hope that all had a peaceful and happy holiday season. 12th night is here, so it is time to embrace friends that we've not seen and to make new ones.

I wish to give thanks to the Bande of Saint Crispin (our local rapier club headed by Michelangelo) for their steady and welcoming presence. They hold practices, have game nights and as such have several new members that are curious and enthusiastic about our shire. Please greet them warmly if you see them and welcome them to our Shire.

Events are starting to fill the calendar, find one that calls to you and go see what else is going on in our beloved Middle Kingdom. Ask around, you might be surprised to find others that are going and could have car pool space.

Gold Key is active and has outfitted several members for Christmas Tourney and our own 12th night celebration. I will be starting to dig deep in the clothing totes and find the items that have lived their best days and cull them from our selection. If anyone is interested in helping with this (we have eight totes of clothes) It would be most appreciated.

Enjoy your New Year. Spring is coming and this cold weather will be just a memory.
Lord Oscar von Lindau



From the Exchequer:

Warm greetings,

The group is in good financial condition. We made \$1,099.60 profit on the event, which are normally used for thank you gifts to the churches who allow us to meet on their properties, donations to the Royal Travel Fund and for officer supplies.

A thank you to Lady Errenach (Lady Eren) for allotting \$200 of her workplace's charity funds to the Shire.

We have heard that we need to have a fairly comprehensive inventory, so I ask that all officers list what shire property that they have, so that we can include it into one master list.

In Service,
Kirsten



From the Chronicler:

Greetings!

The Domesday Book is ready for pick-up! A donation of \$1.00 for each Domesday Book is requested. Folders for the Domesday Book and 3-page member summaries are free.

I remain yours in service,
Kirsten



From the Herald, Social Media & Web Minister

Hello friends,

The holidays have passed and I hope you each found time to do the things that bring you peace and joy. We found time to spend with friends, love ones, and some much needed quiet time at home.

As most of you know, I will be moving to Houston for three months for medical treatment. While I cannot attend meetings or events in person, know that I am with you in spirit.

I do plan to take some time to work on our website and hopefully get things revamped while I am away. If anyone has suggestions or would like to help, please reach out.

Yours in service,
Lady Caterina Luciano



From the Dance Minister:

I will be stepping down as Minister of Dance so that I can focus on going back to school.

In service,
Lady Amadeus



From the Knight Marshal:

Greetings to all and good tidings of the new year!

As armored combat Marshal of Riviere Constelle I am pleased to announce that in the coming year I shall be placing a renewed emphasis on melee combat.

To that end, I shall be reforming our shire's armored combat melee team.

This team is called the Company of the Red Sun. This name was chosen in the early days of our company to represent the time and effort we spent training and fighting as well as the light of knowledge. It also ties into the celestial theme of our shire.

The primary purpose of the Company of the Red Sun is to enhance the enjoyment of melee fighting for area armored combatants. There is simply no substitute for being a part of a skilled and knowledgeable team that regularly trains together.

The company is open to anyone who wishes to participate. Being an armored combatant is not required. If you are interested in becoming an armored combatant, we can help with that. If you are more interested in service to the shire and the kingdom, there is a place of honor for you in our ranks.

The company of the Red Sun is not a household. It is a melee fighting team. It exists on the melee field alone.

I shall be selecting one practice each month to devote to melee training. You can expect to learn melee theory and tactics, plus both team and individual melee skills. Additionally, we will be holding some extra 'drill days' to hone our skills.

I will select a few events in the coming year at which we can display our prowess on the melee field.

You can expect to see more details about all this in the following weeks. Feel free to talk to me about it in person anytime.

I hope you will join me in this adventure!

In service,
Sir Bran Atte Rowan



Thrown Weapons:

Greeting to one and all,

I will begin setting up a couple of thrown weapons practices in late March or April and hope to see you there!

Yours in Service,
Mistress Kirsten



From the Rapier Marshal:

To all fencers and lovers of rapier combat, welcome to a new year! In the fall of 2023, the Shire of Riviere Constelle has been blessed with many new faces and deadly hands. As a result, our weekly practices see many new, eager students who get deadlier by the week. Kudos to the many who have authorized since September—including the many who attended and competed at both Rendezvous at the Bridge and Flame's annual Christmas Tourney. Of special note was the victor in the Flame's Novice Tourney, Cygnus De Stelle. Also special kudos are due to the new members of the Bande of St. Crispin.

Now that the Yule revels are behind us, it is time to polish and advance our skills. During the cold months of winter we will be having our weekly practices at the United Church of Christ on North Green River Road. Please remember to wear shoes that will not streak or stain the gym floor. Please also note that we will be beginning to train our swordsmen to become efficient members of a melee team. I look forward to meeting one and all on the lists...

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



From the Historian

MID-OCTOBER TO THE END OF DECEMBER 2023:

November 2023:

- TRM King Wigthegn and Queen Neassa made known they are seeking bids for all four events of Spring and Autumn Crown Tournaments and Coronations and that the Kingdom Event Coordinator can help. And it may be possible that two groups pair up to put on an event.
- His Excellency, Lord Accolon, had the honor of introducing Their Royal Majesties and most of the Ladies of the Order of the Rose, and their teams, at the Midrealm's Tournament of the Roses.
- Lady Deirdre Hina. Was able to display her Bayeux Tapestry at the Tournament of the Roses.
- November 9, 2023: Lady Amadeus announced her need to resign as Dance Mistress because she is going back to school to finish her degree.

December 2, 2023: Christmas Tourney was held at Barony of the Flame:

- Sir Norman was elevated to the Order of Knighthood. Sir Norman was elevated to the Order of Knighthood.
- THL Gregory Bryant was placed on vigil for his elevation to the Pelican
- Lady Faolan O'Tighernan received her Award of Arms.
- Sir Bran Atte Rowan made progress toward becoming a fencing marshal.
- Our fencers did extremely well and Cygnus won the Novice Rapier Tourney.
- The following individuals were made full members of the Bande of St. Crispin: Adrian Harper, Faustus Einhorn, Brian the Fleeting, Sir Ragnarr, Master Accolon, Lady Caterina, and Helen Faree. And Cygnus was officially made and initiated.
- January 1, 2024: TRM wish everyone an excellent New Year!

Yours In Service,
Lady Thofridhr Hrolfsdottir

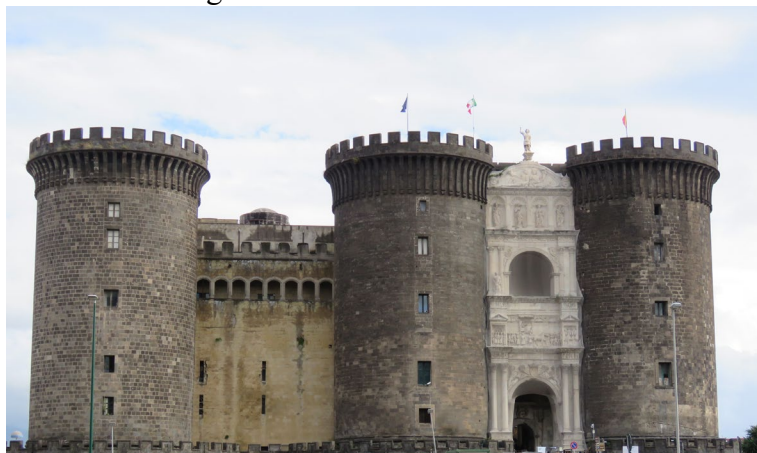
Birthdays

Birthday	SCA Name	Birthday	SCA Name
01/06	Ceanntighern MacIllechallum	02/27	Brandr Halfdanr
01/07	Gregory Bryant	03/01	Carrie Wright
01/09	Kaitlyn Lemon	03/06	Keith Artur O'Monahan
02/08	Demiana Da Costa	03/06	Amadeus Emmanuel
02/10	Jack Pifer	03/10	Orianna De L'Isle
02/11	Elias Bromley	03/16	Alainne Sabatier
02/13	Michael Banister	03/20	Calyvorri ine Kill
02/13	Tighearnan Holedigger	03/28	Alfhild Hamar
02/25	Magdalena		

Riviere Constelle Calendar

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

Jan 7	Fighting Practice, Wesselman Park, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Jan 13	12 th Night, Bethel UCC, 12:00-9:00 PM
Jan 14	Fighting Practice Cancelled
Jan 18	Business Meeting, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6 PM theme dinner TBA, 6:30 meeting
Jan 21	Fighting Practice, Bethel United Church of Christ, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Jan 28	Fighting Practice, Bethel United Church of Christ, 2:00 – 5:00 PM meeting
Feb 4	Fighting Practice, Bethel United Church of Christ, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Feb 11	Fighting Practice, Bethel United Church of Christ, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Feb 15	Business Meeting, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6 PM theme dinner TBA, 6:30 meeting
Feb 18	Fighting Practice, Bethel United Church of Christ, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Feb 25	Fighting Practice, Bethel United Church of Christ, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Mar 3	Fighting Practice, Bethel United Church of Christ, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Mar 10	Fighting Practice, Bethel United Church of Christ, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Mar 17	Fighting Practice, Bethel United Church of Christ, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Mar 21	Business Meeting, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6 PM theme dinner TBA, 6:30 meeting
Mar 24	Fighting Practice, Bethel United Church of Christ, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Mar 31	Fighting Practice, Bethel United Church of Christ, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Oct 25-27	Rendezvous at the Bridge XXXIV



Castel Nuovo (New Castle) in Naples Italy, built in 1279
Photo by Kirsten Thorsteinsdottir (Donna Herum)



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(For addresses served by the U.S. Postal Service only)

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Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ (Required)

Your SCA Name _____

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Renewal (Member # if known) _____

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Additional Donation (Tax-Deductible) \$ _____

Membership Total \$ _____

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Check off each subscription, and total below:

_____ Kingdom newsletters at \$35 each = \$ _____

Quarterly Printed Publications:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tournaments Illuminated | \$25.00 |
| <i>The magazine of the SCA, featuring articles about life in the SCA, as well as research, columns, and reviews.</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors Meeting Minutes | \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compleat Anachronist | \$30.00 |
| <i>A series of 50-60 page booklets, each focusing on a topic relevant to pre-17th century life.</i> | |
| Total Optional Publications \$ _____ | |

5 - TOTAL AND PAYMENT METHOD (U.S. Funds)

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for Two-Year Renewal: Total Payment x 2 \$ _____

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