



Dun Or Tower Tales

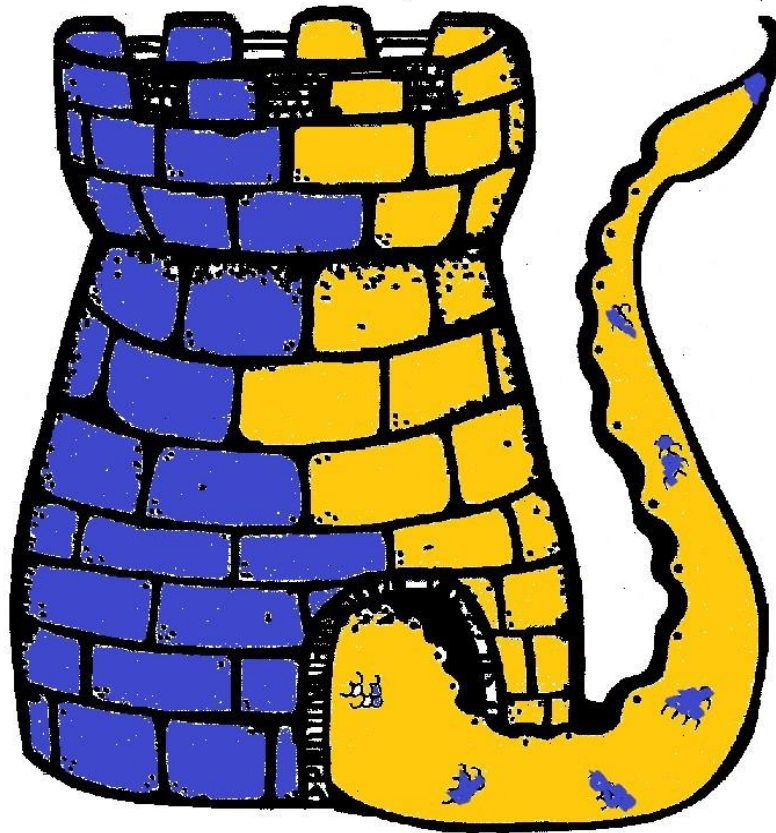


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Barony of **D**un **O**r

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From the Chronicler

To the Populace of Dun Or, I bid Ye Welcome,

world for your article, artwork and photos that you contribute to our local newsletter.

Every year contributors from all over the known world are nominated in various categories for the William Blackfox Awards.

**The Tower Tales wants your
contributions!
Maybe you have an Idea for
a quarterly column you
would like to contribute...
Or photos from fighter/
rapier practice...
Or maybe something awe-
some/funny/ amazingly cool
happened at an event that
you want to share.**

**Send your contributions to
Chronicler.officer@dunor.sca-caid.org**

**Please note that all submis-
sion for the Tower Tales are
due no later than the 20th
of each month for the fol-**

lowing month. Thank you

YIS, Lady Ceri Romani

A letter from the Outgoing Seneschal

It was a dark and stormy night.

No....

As the sun set upon our intrepid adventurers.

Nope...

Rebel spaceships, striking from a hidden base, have won their first victory against the evil Galactic Empire.

Better, but wrong period...

Errrrr...

How does one start a letter like this? Of that, I do not know. So best to just jump in...

It may sound cliché, but I truly mean it when I say that it has been an honor to serve Dun Or with Baron Bjorn and Baroness Roisin.

Their love of Dun Or was the heart of their decisions. What can we do to improve, facilitate, or enable fellowship in Dun Or? How can we make things more accessible? Be it carpools to events, gear for practice, or introducing people to others that share an interest. They wanted to improve people's experience.

Their love of Dun Or was unifying. Armored combat, rapier fighting, fiber arts, wood working, bardic, dance, brewing, cooking, archery, youth activities, and so much more. What Bjorn enjoyed, Roisin supported, and vice versa. One activity in the SCA wasn't more important than the other, because they were important to each other.

Their love of Dun Or was undeniable. They worked hard to attend and support as many baronial activities and events as they could. Be it a guild activity, council meeting, or practice, they tried to make time to show up and be involved.

Their love of Dun Or was empowering. They supported people's ideas and interests. There is a desire for archery, let's figure out what we need to make it happen. Several people wanted to form a guild, let's talk to similar guilds and create a charter. We want to have a tower at our camp entrance for GWW, heck yeah! Let's make one that the morning announcements can be read from and throw down the gauntlet for every other camp! BOOM! Mic drop...

Their love of Dun Or was infectious. They were happy to share and geek out about what they were interested in, but more importantly they wanted to hear what we were interested in. They wanted to know about our memorable moments at war and wanted to celebrate our achievements.

Their love of Dun Or was relatable. They helped me see that leadership in the SCA isn't just for the retired or those with all the awards and honorifics. Seeing a young couple with two children and no peerage (at the time) stepping into the highest level of responsibility in Dun Or opened my eyes to what possibilities are open to me.

Their love of Dun Or was as great as their love of Caid. They helped me understand that supporting my barony is just as important as supporting Caid. I often heard people talk about "playing baronial" or "playing Kingdom" like there is a team or a choice that must be made. They just played because it was fun. They volunteered because it was the right thing to do. Marshaling at a baronial practice was just as important to them as marshaling at GWW, because volunteers are needed to make events happen.

Their love of Dun Or was what Dun Or needed. I believe they acted as stewards of The Dream. Stewards that are supporting, encouraging, and enabling of our Dream. For you see, I have come to believe that The Dream is not a concrete, universal ideal that all Scadians hold. It shifts, and evolves, and is unique to each individual. Somehow, they were able to help make everyone's Dream a little more special and a little more real.

Long live Bjorn and Roisin!
Long live Dun Or!
Long live Caid!

Felipe de Trujillo
Seneschal of Dun Or

A Letter from the Incoming Seneschal

Greeting and Salutations to the nobles of Dun Or.

I am Richard atte Valeye, and surprising to some, I will be taking over as the Dun Or Seneschal at our Anniversary. I felt I should take a moment to introduce myself to those that haven't had the opportunity to meet me yet.

I first joined the Society with my family in the late 80s as a pre-teen, and I spent most of my childhood deeply involved in the SCA with my Barony of Glymm Mere in the Kingdom of An Tir, where I was known as Aslak (or Albrecht) von Pfeffars. Since becoming an adult, I've been off and on involved in our Society, and it took a little while for me to feel comfortable playing in a new Kingdom.

After some convincing, from my wife (Lady Beatrix Honeybourne), we both jumped back into play just before the pandemic. In Caid, I go by Richard atte Valeye (Richard of the Valey), and only because the Heralds thought Richard of the Valey of the Wind was too much. (If you understand where that's from, we're friends.)

Mundanely, I have lived in California City since 2012, and the Antelope Valley since 2011, working at NASA Armstrong Flight Research Facility.

In service to Dun Or,
Lord Richard atte Valeye

From the Populace to Their Excellencies Bjorn and Roisin

Dear friends. Chosen family. Dwellers of the monstrous eyesore in my camp. My Baron & Baroness.

There are so many wonderful ways to describe how much you mean to me, both in and out of the SCA!

When you came to Baird and me to discuss taking on this responsibility, we were reticent. I have never been more happy and proud to be wrong!

Your leadership, especially through some truly difficult situations, has not only been inspiring, it's revitalized our barony. Thank you for opening my eyes to just how amazing Dun Or can be.

The Faizeh

Roisin and Bjorn—you guys are not just a power couple, but a couple of the sweetest people we know! Thank you for welcoming us into the SCA like family.

Bjorn, I'm grateful to have you among the people Justin looks up to in heavy combat. Your skill, service, and friendship radiate from your person.

Roisin, you have been an encouraging example to both Justin and Sabrina in rapier. You were an integral part of getting Justin get started in fighting. You certified as a youth marshal, taught him quite a bit, and gave him a lighter weapon to use (back when he was much smaller—it's hard to picture now!). Justin was really happy you were his "battle buddy" for much of the first Red Star. Likewise, Sabrina has really loved learning from you. You fight with such high skill, and express genuine friendship to all your opponents. Facing off with you is so delightful—it's an honor to be stabbed by such good company! To both of you, thank you for serving as our baron and baroness!

Love,

The Ross family (Angela, Patrick, Justin, Sabrina)

Dearest Bjorn and Roisin,

Thank you.

These words hardly seem adequate to express our gratitude for all that you have done for both our Barony, and for us, personally, but they are the only words that we can offer on this special milestone in your life.

Thank you for your tireless devotion to Dun Or, for bringing us all together, and creating a strong, and loving baronial family. Thank you for your sacrifice, for the time and resources that you have so freely given to all of us, time and resources taken away from your own interests, goals and family. Thank you for your wisdom, and your steady and sure guidance, even though a time of unprecedented challenges.

And thank you... thank you for welcoming Fadi and I with open arms at that first fighter practice. It was your kindness, and your open -heart- that first opened the door for us to "come home" to Dun Or. Thank you for the love and friendship you have shared over these years, thank you for being our family. Through these past few years, you have shared our most joyful moments, and some of our most challenging, and through it all, you have danced in the light, and walked through the fire with us. We are so beyond blessed to have you in our lives...and our world... real, and SCA.. is so much better, more beautiful, and brighter, because you are in it.

And thank you. Thank you for the love, and the faith you, and our Baronial family has invested in us, in allowing us to be your heirs. We step into this new role knowing full good and well that we can never fill your shoes...but we hope that we can follow in your footsteps, and make you all proud.

Some people have "Their Kings" or "Their Queens", -you- will forever be -our- Baron and Baroness.

We love you!

Fadi and Ragnait

Dear Morgan and Ella,

It isn't always easy being the Baroness' son and daughter. Your Mom and Dad have had to balance the very difficult job of balancing the needs of the Barony with your needs, and sometimes, I know you have had to sacrifice some time, and some things that you wanted to do, in order for them to do what they needed to do for SCA stuff. Thank you for sharing your amazing parents with us - and more than that, thank you for being a part of our life, and accepting us into your family. It has been -so- cool watching you two grow over these past few years, and we look forward to watching you grow even more in the future. Thank you for letting us play with you, for always reminding us to take the time to have fun and play, for reminding us -why- we do what we do, and for giving us the honor of being your "Auntie" and "Uncle".

We love you very much!

Uncle Fadi and Auntie Ragnait

Below photo credits to members of Dun Or populace. Thank you for your submissions. And thank you to Bjorn and Roisin for their service, commitment and inspiration during their tenure. Happy "Retirement".







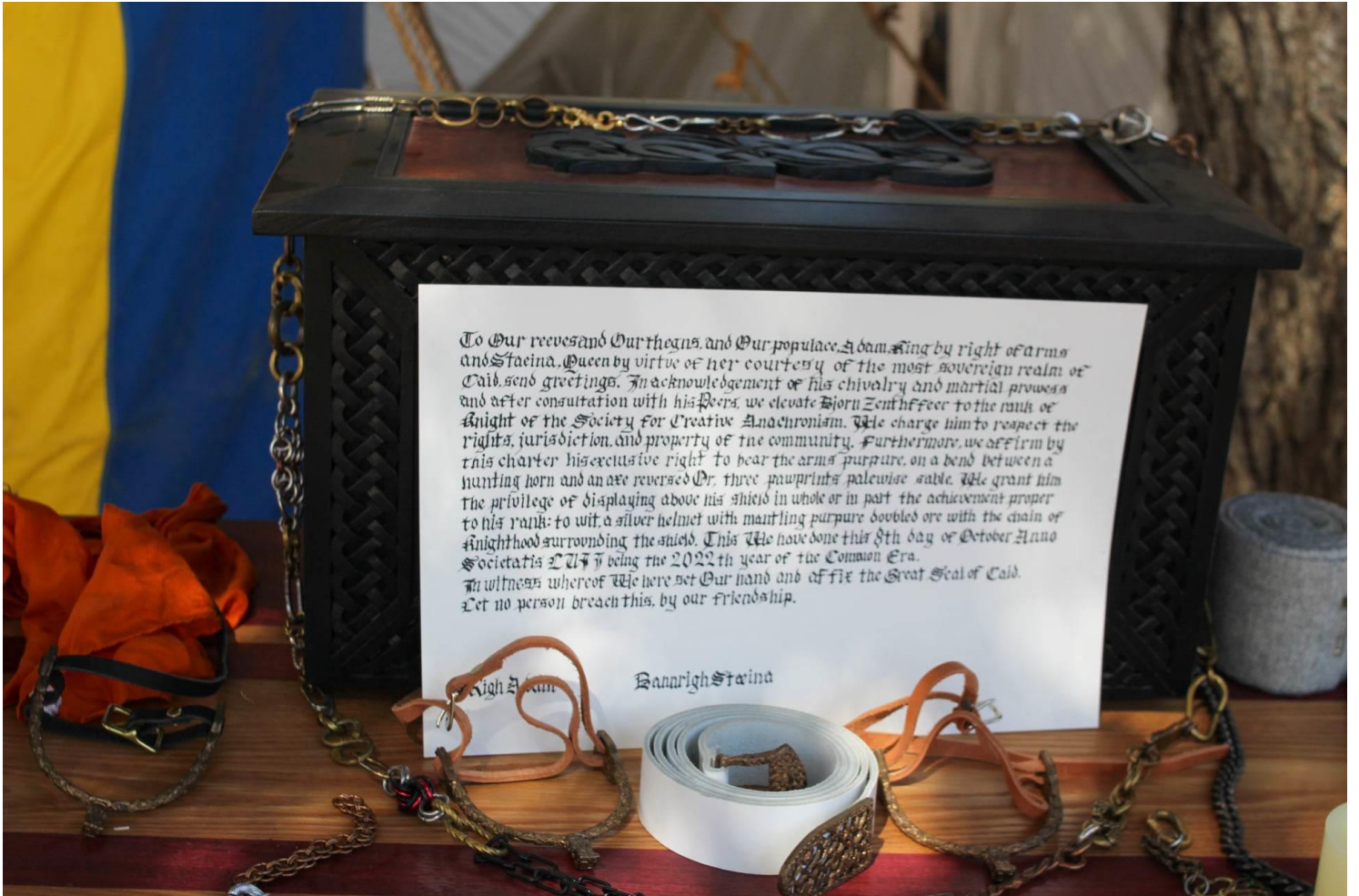




















































Upcoming Events Local / C.A.F.D

Are you looking for something social in Dun Or?

Saturday, December 2, 2023

[Dun Or Yule](#)

Baronial Allthing – business meeting and social

3rd Sunday each month at the home of our Seneschal and A&S, also available via zoom.

Stay up to date on changes to time, day and location through our Facebook page @ Barony of Dun Or

Rapier/ Heavies Practice

Fridays 7pm- 10pm at Sgt Steve Owen Park.

Sundays 10:30am-12:30pm at Sgt Steve Owen Park **currently paused.**

Monthly Fun Tournament

First Friday each month at Casa de Trujillo

Privately message Baron/Baroness or Seneschal for location.

***** Loaner gear is available and subject to local and SCA COVID Guidelines / policies *****

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Brewers Guild

We Want Your Brew



For a Guild Demo

April 23rd, 2023 RKBG presence in Dun Or for quarterly meeting at Rescue Manor.

Quarterly at 12pm via zoom.

Every Thursday at Rescue Manor.

Privately message Baron/Baroness or chronicler for location.

(Stay tuned for in-person meeting details over the next quarter)

There is always room to add in classes/ judging/ tours per meeting in order for anyone to make guild rank if desired. I will update as we are able to incorporate guests.

Saturday, April 8

8:00am

Al-Sahid Anniversary

Saturday, April 15

Starkhafn Anniversary

Sunday, April 16

Robin Hood Tourney (Angels)

Saturday, April 29

Nordwache Anniversary

Sunday, April 30

Baron's Feast (Gyldenholt)

Saturday, May 6

Darach Anniversary

Summergeate Anniversary (Calafia)

Saturday, May 13

Altavia Anniversary

Saturday, May 20

Wintermist Anniversary

Thursday, May 25

12:00pm

Potrero War (Calafia)

Friday, May 26

Potrero War (Calafia)

Saturday, May 27

Potrero War (Calafia)

Sunday, May 28

Potrero War (Calafia)

Monday, May 29

» 12:00pm

Potrero War (Calafia)

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Lyondemere Anniversary

Saturday, June 10, 2023

Collegium

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Collegium

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Carreg Wen Anniversary

Saturday, June 24, 2023

Gyldenholt Anniversary

Sunday, June 25, 2023

All Things (Nordwache)

Friday, June 30, 2023

St. Corrigan's "Day" (Dreiburgen)

Saturday, July 1, 2023

St. Corrigan's "Day" (Dreiburgen)

Sunday, July 2, 2023

St. Corrigan's "Day" (Dreiburgen)

Saturday, July 8, 2023

Coronation (Calafia)

Sunday, July 9, 2023

Privy (Calafia)

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Consort's Champion Martial (Shire of the Isles)

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Consort's Champion Ranged (Lyondemere)

Friday, July 28, 2023

Pennsic

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Pennsic

Summer Arts (Dreiburgen)

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Pennsic

Monday, July 31, 2023

Pennsic

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Pennsic

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Pennsic

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Pennsic

Friday, August 4, 2023

Pennsic

Saturday, August 5, 2023

Pennsic

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Pennsic

Monday, August 7, 2023

Pennsic

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Pennsic

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Pennsic

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Pennsic

Saturday, August 12, 2023

Calafia Rapier Tournament

Starkhafn Ceilidh

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Festival of the Rose (Gyldenholt)

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Academia (Nordwache)

Pirate Tourney (Darach)

Friday, September 1, 2023

Highland War (Al Sahid)

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Highland War (Al Sahid)

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Highland War (Al Sahid)

Monday, September 4, 2023

Highland War (Al Sahid)

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Crown (Starkhafn)

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Angels Anniversary

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Rapier Open

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Great Western War

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Great Western War

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Great Western War

Friday, October 6, 2023

Great Western War

Archery Open at GWW (specific day TBA)

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Great Western War

Consort's Champion Equestrian (GWW)

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Great Western War

Monday, October 9, 2023

Great Western War

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Pirate Tournament (Nordwache)

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Leif Erickson (Calafia)

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Agincourt Archery Championship & Feast (Altavia)

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Dreiburgen Anniversary

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Calafia Anniversary

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Naevehjem Anniversary

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Calafia Equestrian Champion

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Isles Anniversary

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Harvest Arts (Carreg Wen)

Saturday, November 25, 2023

Medieval Market Place (Carreg Wen/Darach)

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Dreiburgen Yule

Dun Or Yule

Winter Arts (Calafia)

Wintermist Yule

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Altavia Yule

Gyldenholt/Lyondemere Yule

Nordwache Yule

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Starkhafn Yule

~~Online events and gatherings are still a viable, and active, option here in Dun Or and CAID~~

Please heed all recommendations and edicts from Society and Mundane Authorities! Stay home, take all precautions, and stay healthy - YOU are important, YOU matter, and YOU are a valuable part of our Baronial family!

Please continue to check this newsletter and Facebook pages for more information from the SCA, Inc. Board of Directors, our Kingdom Officials, and our Baron and Baroness as it becomes available.

LONG LIVE DUNOR! LONG LIVE CAID!

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