



Dun Or Tower Tales

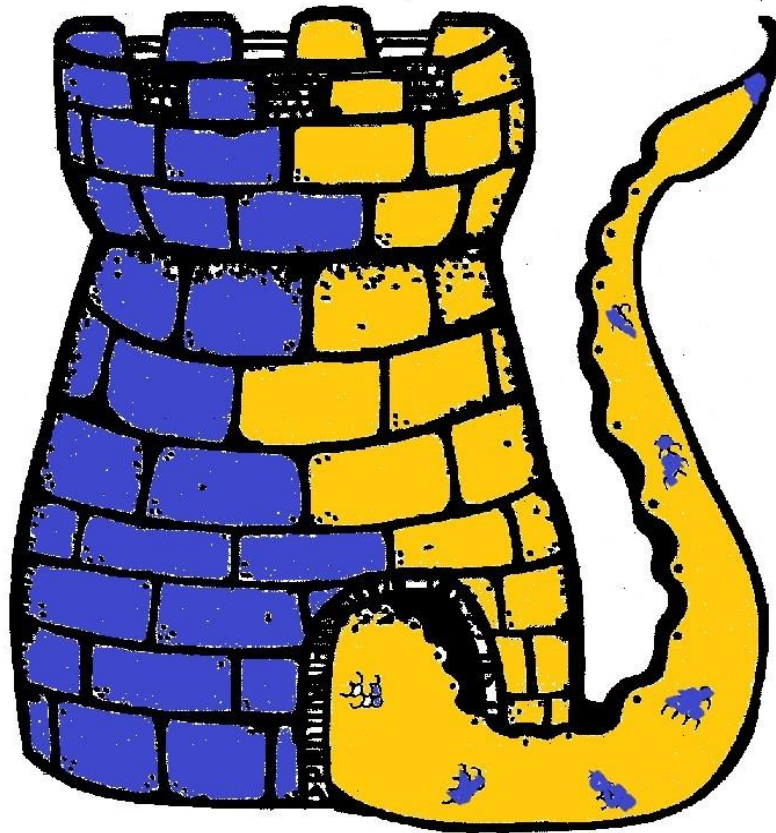


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Barony of **D**un **O**r

Did you know that you can actually be recognized throughout the known world?
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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 Baron and Baroness

Oh, my goodness! How time flies when you're having fun! Can you believe it was 3 months ago that we stepped up at Dun Or Anniversary?

So much has happened in that short amount of time! We've had the honor of representing Dun Or at several anniversaries celebrating other wonderful Territories within our Kingdom, and had the great privilege of bearing witness to the investitures of new Baronial Cousins - and soon, we'll be journeying to Calafia to bid a fond farewell to our dear friends, our King and Queen, Their Royal Majesties, Optimus and Issa at their last court, and celebrate the Coronation of our much beloved Prince and Princess, Their Highnesses Wilhelm and Lorissa. An air of peace and prosperity hangs over the Kingdom, and the future of Caid is bright and shiny!

And what of Dun Or? We are so proud of you all, our dearest family! We've seen so many of you have begun new endeavors or continued current ones! You have reached out not only to our newest family members, but to other Baronies and groups within our Kingdom in a spirit of encouragement and inclusion. Our Fun Or nights have grown and have become the talk of the Kingdom - so many people outside of the Barony talk about it and how much fun they had at it! We've had so many of the guests at Fun Or come to us and say how welcome they felt and that it felt like a family. That is probably the best compliment that anyone could ever give! We always want you all to feel like that, like part of our family – because you truly are a part of our hearts!

Summer will be a busy time for our Barony -we have a busy schedule ahead of us in the months to come! In July we're looking forward to having a combined fighter practice in Tehachapi with our Baronial neighbors from the North, and we'll be guests of honor at a demo at George Lane Park in Quartz Hill!

Then in August we're looking forward to a magnificent Midsummer Feast where we, as a Baronial family can enjoy and celebrate one another! Good food, good company, who could ask for more?

It won't be long until the drums of war echo through our land, and our Barony and Kingdom go to war! Highland War is coming, and once more, in October we will be at GWW, camping and enjoying the hospitality of the Kingdom and of our Barony.

But all of this? All of this is nothing without YOU! You all are amazing and because of YOU, all this is possible. Dun Or Rocks – because of YOU!

So, thank you Dun Or for allowing us to be a part of your journey, to serve as your Baron and Baroness! It is truly an honor to serve you – and make no mistake, we are here to -serve- YOU. We only hope that we can honor you as much as you have honored us, and that you will find us worthy of the faith you have invested in us!

We love you!

Fadi and Ragnailt

Meet the Populace

SCA name and how it's pronounced: Roisin ni Brian pronounced ROY-sheen NEE BRI-an (like the modern name Brian)

Mundane name: Jillian or Jill

How long you've been playing: May 2005

Your first event: Potrero War

Describe your heraldic device in laymen's terms: On the top of the shield, a black rose on a white or silver field, on the bottom a white or silver rose on a green field. Between, a wavy black border.

Your go-to garb style/colors: If I've got a sword I'm in a doublet and pants. If I'm in front of court I'm in Anglo-Saxon 11th-century or Viking of the same period. If I'm around a fire... who knows! My persona spans centuries in the same location- Wessex/Mercia/Middle England. If I'm playing with my household, however, you might catch me in Persian or Indian.

Favorite SCA activities: Fighting, playing games, listening, and participating in bardic, primarily poetry. I used to sew quite a bit but I've lost my taste for it over the years.

Favorite mundane activities: writing, traveling

Something you'd like to learn: yes (but when will I have time???) I can't wait to try some of the Forester's Guild activities.

At an event, you'll most likely be: fighting. If it's a war you'll probably find me listening to music by a fire or in a tavern, beer optional.

Your friends would describe you as: fun, insightful, kind, forgetful and occasionally I get 'weirdly sinister'.

You could talk all day about: swords, books, travel, and really anything YOU want to talk to ME about. I'm a nerd of varied interests.

Sekanjabin or pickles?: Pickles are amazing, I've never quite gotten past the taste of drinking vinegar with sekanjabin although I keep trying it. Also for non-alcoholic goodies, I put forward kombucha.

- I try to listen carefully and respond reasonably. I'm very good at keeping my temper when others are losing theirs.

- I'm always curious-- I want to know more about... everything. If I seem excited about what you are learning or doing it's because I am.

- I may come across as socially adept, but I'm not. I tend to focus on either what is in front of me or whatever I'm chewing on in my head and that can make me seem spacey or forgetful. Thank you to everyone who keeps me heading in the right direction.

SCA name and how it's pronounced: Fiachra an Doire, pronounced FEE-uh-kruh awn DAIR-uh

Mundane name: Sean

How long you've been playing: August 2022

Your first event: Festival of the Rose

Describe your heraldic device in laymen's terms: On a white/silver background, a raven in flight, and at the top, on a black bar, three white/silver trees.

Your go-to garb style/colors: I lean toward a Norse or Anglo-saxon influenced style. I'm either wearing bright colors, or all green.

An accessory you wish you had: all things related to viking Dublin... a Dublin pouch, a Dublin cap, Dublin dragons trim on my garb, Dublin stich nalbound socks and mittens

Favorite SCA activities: Wars have grown on me. I enjoy the expanded opportunities for camaraderie, the availability of classes, the seemingly endless bardic gatherings, and the opportunity for more immersive role play (period camping and cooking, etc)

Favorite mundane activities: bonsai, playing music

Something you'd like to learn: flint knapping is something I'm just dipping my toes into

At an event, you'll most likely be: teaching, talking about the Foresters Guild, or lighting a fire... sometimes I do all 3 at the same time!

Your friends would describe you as: complex, deep, kind,

You could talk all day about: Irish history, primitive skills, bonsai, punk rock

Sekanjabin or pickles?: I've never had Sekanjabin. Pickles are great

Anything else we should know about you?:

- I despise injustice and try to be a safe person for anyone who may need one.

- I have multiple chronic illnesses/invisible disabilities, so when I say I can't, or I'm done, or I need to sit down, I absolutely mean it.

- I follow a plant based diet, but I still use leather and wool... as I said above, I'm complex.

Do It Thyself

Skin Soothing Spray-On Insect Repellent

1/2 cup Apple Cider Vinegar

1/2 cup Witch Hazel

40 drops of essential oils - recommended: eucalyptus, lemongrass, tea tree, rosemary or a combination thereof

One 8 oz. Spray Bottle

Simply mix together all ingredients, shake and spray.

Recipe provided by Her Excellency Dun Or

Tales by the Campfire

One hot summer day, a man came to the Barony of Dun Or. His arrival, and his origin, were a mystery. It was as though he materialized out of the forest with nothing but his pack, his staff, his cloak, and his smile. The newcomer to Dun Or, while he became a welcome member of the community, did not cease to surprise his friends and neighbors. When he spoke, he spoke with authority, though he had no rank or title. When he sang, his voice flowed like honeyed wine. He could make a fire so effortlessly that it appeared as though flames jumped from his fingertips. The man quickly settled in and began teaching the people of Dun Or new skills- or, rather, very old, long forgotten skills. He showed them how to make fire leap from their fingertips, too. He taught them which leaves and vines could be gathered to make baskets and cordage, and he

showed them how to dry them and weave them. This, too, he did so effortlessly it appeared to be magic. He showed them how to make shelter while traveling, how to build a sturdy pack frame, and taught them to identify edible and useful plants. Word of his skill quickly spread throughout the kingdom. People sought him out so they, too, could learn these skills. It wasn't long before he and his students organized into a guild- a Foresters Guild. The guild brought a new energy, and new activities and arts to the kingdom. The woods were no longer a place to be feared, though they were still to be respected. For those with bravery, and training, the woods became a place of opportunity, and a new territory to be explored. The kingdom was at war, and the Barony of Dun Or sent some of its best fighters to defend the kingdom. The man accompanied them, though he was not a fighter himself. He spent his time tending the fire in the baronial camp, and teaching his skills to anyone who was interested. He even found a few recruits for the Foresters Guild. One afternoon, while the weary fighters were telling stories around the fire, he got a sense that something was wrong. He looked over at the cook's dog, and the dog alerted him to the presence of a large serpent entering the camp! He leapt up from his seat and ran toward it, reaching it just as it entered the tent where the cook's daughter was playing! He wrestled with the serpent and subdued it, but he did not harm it. As he removed it from the tent, he looked it in the eye and spoke to it. "I mean you no harm. This meadow is your home, but it is also our camp. Leave us in peace, and we will leave you in peace. You will have it back soon enough. Come, let's get you back into the brush where you belong." He removed the serpent from the camp, released it into the brush, and returned to camp with a smile on his face. It was at this moment the people of Dun Or realized the identity of the stranger from the woods...They still did not know whence he came, or why he arrived when he did, but in that moment, they understood who he was to them- He was the Druid of Dun Or.

Upcoming Events Local / C.A.F.D

Are you looking for something social in Dun Or?

LANE PARK "SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK" DEMO - July 22

BARONIAL WORKDAY - ORGANIZATION AND INVENTORY - July 23

July 30th, 2023

Joint fighter practice @ 4-7pm, Phillip Marx Central Park in Tehachapi.

MIDSUMMER FEAST - Date TBD (August 2023), Point of Contact: Lady Eva

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 @

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BaronyofDunOr/>

Rapier/ Heavies Practice

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

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

Rapier Combat Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/504221109654604/>

Armored Combat Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1235216873851675/>

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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Newcomers Meet and Greet

Monthly Last Sunday. Starting in August 2023. Stay up to date on time and location as it develops in real time on the

Baronial Facebook page.

Dun Or Guilds

Brewers:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/395415507929221/>

Weekly open workshop Thursdays at 5pm the Home of Guildmistress Ceri

Tinkerers:

Herbalist: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/532630827280099/>

Foresters: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/126468750376169/>

Cooking:

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 DUN OR!

LONG LIVE CAID!

Barony of Dun Or Regnum

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