

Shire of Al-Sahid Newsletter

# Scorpion Tales

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## Around the Shire

### April Shire Meeting

**IMPORTANT:** The April Shire meeting will be held April 4 at 8:00 am. The site is Schmidt Park where we are holding al-Sahid Anniversary. We will host an April A&S where we will paint Kingdom Walls, time and location will be announced. The May Shire meeting will be May 17 at THL Davi's and Lady Magdalen's.



### Fighter Practice

Fighter Practices are on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at noon at Sir Killian's and Baroness Teka's. For information please email Sir Killian

see if Baroness Robyn will do a dance class and if we will hold a Rapier class .

### Pink Ribbon Tourney

Duchess Chamayn is producing the Pink Ribbon Tourney in October to benefit breast cancer causes. The Barony of Angels has agreed to host it and the Shire will be the back-up host.

### Anniversary

All is in readiness which is good, as it's tomorrow. Please be at site by 8:00 am for a quick Shire meeting and set up. There will be one location for Lists and Waver sign in. Lloyd will bring smoked Turkey for lunch and Magdalen will bring what else is needed.

### Projects

- Rapier equipment — Christmas will find out the costs of rapier equipment by next meeting for possible purchase.
- Trailer – At May meeting decide if the old trailer should be fixed and registered

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## March Officer's Reports

**Seneschal and Deputy Seneschal:** Reported Crown comments about how well Crown tourney went. Will be sending out invites for offices, paper work for exchequer and new seneschal will be submitted.

**Arts & Sciences:** The next two A&S meetings will be projects for the Kingdom and Shire. April A&S will be painting Kingdom walls, and May A&S will be making Shire tables.

**Castellan:** Nothing to report.

**Chronicler:** Submissions needed as always.

**Constable:** Nothing to report.

**Exchequer:** Receipts needed for Crown, and if any are ready for Anniversary please turn them in.

**Herald:** Nothing to report.

**List:** Baroness Teka will be running lists for Anniversary.

**Marshal:** Nothing to report

**Children's:** Nothing to report

**Presentations:** Nothing to report

**Chirurgion:** Nothing to report.

**Webwright:** Nothing to report

**Please note that period garb is mandatory at Shire business meetings.**

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Other — Lloyd and Teka researching pricing for targets, rugs, etc.

### Motions

- Passed: spend \$150 for lunch for the Shire and Royals at Anniversary.
- Passed: spend \$100 for office supplies.
- Passed: Buy two 9 x 18 rugs with carrying cases to use in the Dragonwings.

## Recipe Corner

Submitted by Lady Shehira

Lady Shehira's lady mother gave her a recipe for fruit wine. None of us have tried it personally as yet, but it sounds lovely.

2 qts. grape juice (You can get the frozen kind.)

1 qt. cranberry juice

5 cups sugar

1 package yeast

Mix well together. Put in a gallon jug with a small top. Put a heavy duty balloon on the top and secure with rubber bands around the top of the jug. Let stand about 21 days. The balloon will get huge. When all the air goes out of it, the wine is ready. (It usually doesn't take a full 21 days, so watch for the balloon deflating.)

*(Note from the Chronicler: I would love to hear from our more adventurous members who try this. Having said that, I will probably try it myself since any more complex brewing measures are beyond my ability! It will be fun to try.)*

## Seneschal's Corner

It has been fun serving everyone, making new friends outside of the shire, and of course opening my mouth and closing my foot in it. As I run away from the office on Saturday I will be leaving you all in the hands a great replacement. I will be his deputy for the next year as he settles in. I know all our past seneschals will be there for him too. Please if you are an incoming officer Davi needs copies of your membership cards so he can get your warrants in. Remember if you take an office you are required to attend meetings.

*Jane*





## Excerpt from *Canterbury Tales*

by Geoffrey Chaucer

A friar there was, a wanton and a merry...  
 He heard confession gently, it was said,  
 Gently absolved too, leaving naught of dread.  
 He was an easy man to give penance  
 When knowing he should gain a good pittance...  
 His tippet was stuck always full of knives  
 And pins, to give to young and pleasing wives.  
 And certainly he kept a merry note:  
 Well could he sing and play upon the rote.  
 At balladry he bore the prize away.  
 His throat was white as lily of the May;  
 Yet strong he was as ever champion.  
 In towns he knew the taverns, every one,  
 And every good host and each barmaid too  
 Better than begging lepers, these he knew...  
 He lisped a little, out of wantonness,  
 To make his English soft upon his tongue;  
 And in his harping, after he had sung,  
 His two eyes twinkled in his head as bright  
 As do the stars within the frosty night.

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