

SHIRE OF GLENN LINN
Historical Archives

First Meeting Announcement

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(AS XXIII)

Greetings from the Beneschal of the Not Yet Incipient Shire of Glenn Linn

Let it be known throughout the Shire that the first meeting of the Not Yet Incipient Shire of Glenn Linn will be held in the basement of Crandall Library on Wednesday the 9th of November A.S.XXIII at 7 p.m.

At this meeting, we shall do our best to explain what the SCA is and does, field any questions, explain the many disciplines available for study, accept any applications for membership and help you get started in the Current Middle Ages.

Some gentles have asked what the society's goals are. The SCA attempts to recreate the ambiance of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Each member selects a time period (we cover the period from 600 to 1650 A.D.) and geographic location (England, Scotland, Italy -- just as examples) and develops a persona. That is, you choose a name that would be accurate to the place and time, create a brief history for yourself (according to your particular interests, for example an artist might want to explore the Italian Renaissance), and develop a character that might have been who would have been had you lived during that time period.

To accomplish this, individuals read historical literature, browse art books and museums, attend workshops and milk longtime members for the benefit of their experience and knowledge. You can be very extensive, or just reach enough to get by at a few events particularly to your liking throughout the year. The East Kingdom, of which our Not Yet Incipient Shire (Incipient once all the paperwork clears), is a large territory, stretching from Eastern Canada down through the Virginias -- something is always happening somewhere if you wish to travel to it.

Below is a small sampling of the skills practiced by members, and available to all who wish to try their hands:

THEATER OF THE DAY
FIGHTING, RATAN WEAPONS FORMS
COOKING
FENCING, PERIOD STYLE
BUILDING SIEGE EQUIPMENT
ILLUMINATION, CALLIGRAPHY
STAINED GLASS
INSTRUMENT BUILDING (harps, dulcimers)
BREWING (mead, wine and ale)
ARMOURING
GARB MAKING (period clothing)
NEEDLEWORK, LACEMAKING, BEAD WORK
FORGING, BLACKSMITHING
WEAVING-DYEING-SPINNING
HERALDRY, HISTORICAL RESEARCH
LEATHER WORKING
MEDIEVAL, BAROQUE SINGING & DANCING
PERIOD GAMES

Until the meeting of the 9th, fare ye well,

Charleton du Rill
(aka Charles Doty)
This first day of November A.S.XXIII

Historians Notes:

While this document is an announcement for the first meeting of the "Not yet incipient Shire of Glenn Linn" it is clear from the context of what is said that this is in not just a general flyer soliciting interest but a "proto" news letter directed at the individuals who already make up the populace of the shire.

In addition, while none of the news letters produced in the first year have a Volume or Issue listing on them, looking ahead will note that the December 1989 (AS XXIV) edition is labeled Volume 2 Issue 2. The November 1989 issue bears no such label but as it directly proceeds the December issue it must be Volume 2 Issue 1. In the following years the Cascadian volumes all begin with issue 1 in November.

Also, in the Nov 1989 issue, the Seneschal clearly states "it has been 12 months since the first Cascadian." The issue that follows this one is arguably, for various reasons, for Dec of 1988.

Finally, there are three "issues" that bear no reference to the publication month. This single white sheet is the first of them. Immediately after these three is an issue February. There is no indication in any of these issues that there was an additional issue that we currently do not have. As such, the three unlabeled documents must represent Nov 1988, Dec 1988 and Jan 1989.

For all of these reasons I believe that this single sheet is the very first news letter of the Shire.

Therefore, this sheet would be Volume 1 Issue 1

Historic Facts:

The very first official meeting of the not yet incipient Shire took place on Nov 9, 1988 at 7 P.M. in the basement of Crandall Library

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