



# The Osprey azette

The Monthly Newsletter  
of the Barony of the Osprey



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# Calendar of Events

All Times, Dates, and Locations are Subject to Change

## August

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Ironstone Springs -  
Southern War College
- 14<sup>th</sup> - An Dun Theine -  
Beggars Rebellion
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Drakenmere -  
Summer Collegia VII
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Loch an Fhraoic - Event
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Baronial Business Meeting  
7:00pm West Regional  
Library
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Vulpine Reach -  
Tourney of the Foxes

## September

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Crimson River - Black Rose
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Phoenix Glade -  
Daggers and Hemlock IV
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Beau Fort - Fall Coronation
- 18<sup>th</sup> - South Downs - Red Tower
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Rising Stone - Tavern Brawl
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Glaedenfeld -  
Meridian Grand Tourney
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Baronial Business Meeting  
7:00pm West Regional  
Library



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## Unto the populace of the Barony of the Osprey, come these greetings from Sir Alexander Brighthelmston, Baron.

I hope that this missive finds everyone in great spirits and enjoying these beautiful summer days. I am so very sorry I was unable to attend this year's Baronial Bash. Mundane obligations prevented me from attending this year but I heard it went over well and fun was had by all. I would like to congratulate Azrack for his winning of the Baronial Tourney. I would also like to congratulate Uhtred for his AOA. I hope UCLA was a good enough substitute for this.

It has been a hot summer and I am proud of all who have braved the heat to continue to fellowship with fellow members both on the field and off. War season is soon upon us. So, in the spirit of Baronial and coastal unity and Kingdom service, several of us had an idea for this war season and we would love to hear more opinions about this. I would like to see what I call the Grand Tour. In February, Turf Wars. In March, Gulf Wars. In April, Hit List and Fools War. In June, Border Raids. In August, Tourney of the Foxes. In October, Panhandle Skirmishes and Gatalop. In November either Castle Wars or Border March.

Obviously this is a huge undertaking and many will not be able to participate 100%. We have done this on a smaller scale with Panhandle Skirmishes and have had a blast! For the past 2 years many members of the Barony have been making the trek. We armor up in the months before, have a meal plan set up, send in a mass reservation, and carpool there. I believe this can be done several times in one year. I purchased 5 new war doors. These are made of aluminum and are curved. They are lighter and shouldn't need re-enforcement. Lokotes is taking over running armor night and is going to have these shields on his to-do list. He is also going to start helping armor up archers in minimum armor. If anyone needs something, contact him and he'll get you on his list.

We have done this before and I think it is a great idea to bring everyone together. This can't be done without the support of the entire Barony. We need to get the fighters into Kingdom colors and it would be great to see those who are supporting the Barony

in baronial colors with an armband or some such for the kingdom. I know this is fighter centric but hey, I am a fighter. I am pushing for this because it is one of the most visible aspects of our Society. In my mind's eye, I see a group of matching fighters with support and period places to muster. No more easy-fold chairs! Benches and chairs for everyone! We need to re-institute the work party, complete with food and fellowship. We used to get much accomplished over a weekend or two and I know we can again. It would do my heart good to see more than just the fighters beside the field at these events.

The new General for the Meridian Army will be our own Sir Baras. Let us show the rest of the kingdom how it is done in supporting him. I think that this Panhandle would be a great test run for this. Please feel free to contact Ucla or myself for questions or suggestions.

In service,  
Alexander

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Unto the populace of the Barony of the Osprey come these greetings from your Seneschal THL Christine Silkewymman

I want to thank everyone who came out to the Baronial Bash. It was good to see everyone having fun. I want to thank Asa and Rich for letting us use their house for this.

I want to encourage everyone to please try and attend meetings. As of late we have been going over the Baronial guidelines. This is something that affects you. You can have a voice in what's going on by attending the meetings.

In Service  
Christine

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of the Osprey from your Knights Marshal Yesugai Naran called Ucla.

I hope that the summer heat has not gotten you down. Just remember in the winter you'll wish it was summer again, even if it is oppressively hot. Speaking of hot please remember to drink before fighter practice, not just at it.

So here are some of the goings on Marshal-y.

A couple of months ago Xanthia, THL Mael Colium and Lady Eden Fuller had put in for their archery marshal's cards. This should give us the ability to authorize our own people when their paperwork comes in.

Lord Leofric will soon be able to marshal fencing for this group. He is still a long way from authorizing, but at least we have someone that will allow us to fence again. We do need more people to work on doing the same.

Lokote, the fighting bard of Osprey, is taking over the running of armor night. Armor night is still on Tuesday nights at THL Mael Colium's leather shop starting at 6pm. His starting focus is archers and minimum armor. If you're interested in combat archery please come out to armor night on Tuesdays so we can start working on your stuff. I have also decided to take him on as a deputy. I know this gives us several, but with several demos coming up, it should give us someone who can make each one.

Guatemalan Thursdays continue. It starts around 6pm and ends at 10pm. This is a great time to come fight.

The Baronial Bash served as the Garb and Grub for July. Plans are being made for August. While nothing is set in stone, I asked Asa if we could use their house one more time. Much of this will depend on her husband's medical school schedule. Somewhere in this mix Terra Terminus will be added to the

rotation. There are plans to try and attend Terra Terminus' fighter practice the 1st of August. The plans are to drive over and back the same day.

Panhandle will soon be upon us. For the past 2 years Osprey has made a good showing. Last year the rain prevented our archers from getting on the field but I believe this year Trimaris will feel the sting of their arrows. I have sent in one large reservation the past two years. We also had a meal plan. It's the 15th thru the 17th of October. Anyway I want to start getting names of who wants to go. The flyer hasn't been posted so I have no idea of the cost yet. I would like to be ready to send it in when it goes up so we can reserve a cabin.

In Service,  
Yesugai Naran called Ucla

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Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of the Osprey from your  
Reeve, Lady Laren of Farsund.

Be it known to all, I have stepped up to the Reeve position effective June 1st. I intend to hold this position with the utmost respect, humility and dedication. For anyone who has questions or concerns regarding my office, please contact me. I am currently looking for several deputies. I promise it will be painless.

I will be posting dates for troll classes, online, in the near future. Please make an attempt to take these classes so I will have more volunteers for Gatalop.

In Service  
Lady Laren of Farsund



## THE SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM, INC. - FINANCIAL REPORT

Branch: Barony of the OspreyPeriod: 1/1/10 to 6/30/10

## INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME			(from page)	Gross	Cost	Amount
1a	Fund Raising: <b>Non-medieval</b> activities to earn	(11a)			INTERNAL	\$
1b	income (raffles, car washes, bake sales, etc.)	(11a)			EXTERNAL	\$
2	Direct Contributions/Donations: <b>No activity</b>	(11a)				\$ 606.00
3a	Activity Related: <b>Medieval</b> activities to earn	(11a)		Income from Demos and Activity Fees		\$ 100.00
3b	income (events, demos, heraldry fees)	(11b)		Adjusted Gross Event Income		\$ 4,710.00
4a	Funds Transferred In from Another SCA Account	(9)			WITHIN KINGDOM	\$
4b		(9)			OUTSIDE KINGDOM	\$
5	Interest Earned					
6	Net Inventory Sales Income	(6)	Gross-Cost=Net	\$	\$	\$
7	Other Sales Income	(7)				\$
8	Adjusted Gross Newsletter Income	(15)				\$
9	Net Advertising Income	(11b)	Gross-Cost=Net	\$	\$	\$
10	Other Income	(11b)				\$
11	<b>TOTAL GROSS INCOME</b>				(Sum of Lines 1 through 9)	\$ 5,416.00

EXPENSES		(from page)	Office & Admin.	Activity Related	Fund Raising	Total
12	Advertising (NON-SCA)	(12a)	\$	\$	\$	\$
13	Bad Debts	(12a)	\$	\$	\$	\$
14	Bank Service Charges		\$ 123.44			\$ 123.44
15	Depreciation	(8)	\$	\$	\$	\$
16	Equipment Rental & Maintenance			\$ 552.46		\$ 552.46
17	Fees & Honoraria	(12a)	\$	\$	\$	\$
18	Food			\$ 1,050.10		\$ 1,050.10
19	General Supplies		\$ 231.46	\$ 92.69		\$ 324.15
20	Insurance (NON-SCA)	(12b)	\$	\$	\$	\$
21	Occupancy & Site Charges			\$ 1,700.00		\$ 1,700.00
22	Postage & Shipping, PO Box Rental		\$ 7.97	\$ 15.51		\$ 23.48
23	Printing & Publications		\$ 324.80	\$ 62.69		\$ 387.49
24	Removed Assets	(7)	\$	\$	\$	\$
25	Telephone					\$
26	Travel (Gas, Tolls, Airfare)			\$ 135.05		\$ 135.05
27	<b>SUB-TOTAL (Lines 12-26)</b>		\$ 687.67	\$ 3,608.50	\$	\$ 4,296.17
28	Other Expenses				(12b)	\$
29	Donations to Other 501(c)(3) [Nonprofit] Organizations				(12b)	\$
30a	Funds Transferred Out to Another SCA Account				WITHIN KINGDOM (10)	\$ 249.00
30b					OUTSIDE KINGDOM (10)	\$ 253.54
31	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>				(Line 27 TOTAL + Lines 28 to 30b)	\$ 4,798.71
32	<b>NET INCOME (MUST MATCH Change in Net Worth)</b>				(Line 11 Minus Line 31)	\$ 617.29

Legal Names:

Print

Sign

Exchequer:	BOBBEY JO BOWMAN		Date:
Seneschal:	CHRISTINE HAYSE		Date:

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## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

For **Cumulative** Quarterly Reports, use **last year's** Comparative Balance Sheet (End) amounts for the (Start) amounts.

For **Sequential** Quarterly Reports, use **last report's** Comparative Balance Sheet (End) amounts for the (Start) amounts.

For **Year-end** Reports, the (Start) numbers will be provided to you by the Kingdom Exchequer. The numbers may have changed from what was submitted last year because of transfer reconciliation between your account and other accounts.

The Year-end Report must be signed by the person preparing the report.

***(START) FIGURES MAY NOT BE CHANGED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!***

<b>I. ASSETS</b>	(from page)	Start	End
a) Undeposited and Non-Interest Bearing Cash	(3,5)	\$ 1,665.18	\$ 2,177.47
b) Cash Earning Interest	(3)		\$
c) Receivables	(5)	\$	\$ 105.00
d) Inventory For Sale (Major Inventory)	(6)	\$	\$
e) Regalia & Non-Depreciated Equipment	(7)	\$	\$
f) Depreciated Equipment	(8)	\$	\$
g) MINUS Accumulated Depreciation	(8)	\$	\$
h) Other Assets	(5)	\$	\$
<b>i) TOTAL ASSETS</b>	Add <b>a</b> through <b>f</b> , subtract <b>g</b> , then add <b>h</b>	\$ 1,665.18	\$ 2,282.47

<b>II. LIABILITIES</b>			
a) Newsletter Subscriptions Due	(15)		\$
b) Payables	(5)	\$	\$
c) Other Liabilities	(5)	\$	\$
<b>d) TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	Add <b>a</b> through <b>c</b>	\$	\$

<b>III. NET WORTH</b>		Line <b>I.i</b> minus Line <b>II.d</b>	\$ 1,665.18	\$ 2,282.47
<b>Proof:</b>	Change in Net Worth	III(End) - III(Start) <b>(A)</b>	617.29	<b>(A = B) ? If NO, the report is incomplete.</b>
	Net Income	Income Statement Line 31 <b>(B)</b>	617.29	

Signatures below certify that the information on this report is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge.

Legal Names:

Print

Sign

Exchequer:	BOBBEY JO BOWMAN		Date:
Seneschal:	CHRISTINE HAYSE		Date:

Greetings unto the Barony of the Osprey,

Thank you to Lokotes for sharing his amazing poetry with us! ☺

I have heard some trepidation from some of our newer members about preparing a bid for a local event and wanted to try to take some of the mystery out of the process. I am going to publish a short series of articles in the hopes of spurring some interest in the barony. If you have any ideas for events or are interested in bidding a future event, please feel free to talk to me or any of the other autocrats or feastcrats in the barony.

Also, if there are any other topics you would like to read about in the Gazette, please let me know and I will try to include an article in the next issue.

Please send letters, artwork, articles, poems, recipes, persona stories, and any other creative work for the September Gazette by **August 15<sup>th</sup>** to me at [ospreychronicler@yahoo.com](mailto:ospreychronicler@yahoo.com).

In Service,  
Nuala

Greetings unto the Good People of the Barony of the Osprey and her worthy Cantons of Seadracus and Terra Terminus from Countess Rhiannon of the Isle

I trust this missive finds you and yours well and prosperous and doing what you can to assure that you do not suffer unduly from the terrific heat of what is (even for Meridies!) an unusually hot summer. While it is hard to believe, given our current weather, that October is just around the corner, nonetheless, that is indeed the case.

It was brought to my attention this past weekend at Royal University of Meridies that a spate of ugly rumors are circulating to the effect that Gatalop XXVII has been cancelled. NOT TRUE. And there are no plans to do so, unless we are not given an option by the powers that be (those being mundane as regards restricting access to Dauphin Island and thus Fort Gaines as a result of the tragedy in the Gulf). Actually, the exact opposite is true. The autocratting staff is doing everything we can to assure that, as has been the trend in recent years, the upcoming event is bigger and better than ever.

However, to make this happen, we are going to be relying heavily upon the populace of the Barony and her several Cantons, as well as our friends and family both near and far. The popularity of Gatalop is even greater now that it has become a three-day event, and this only requires that we ALL redouble our efforts. A three-day, rather than a standard two-day event essentially requires twice as much effort. However, given that it is entirely within our collective ability to put forth the effort needed, the rewards should be more than worth it. We are very fortunate to be in a position to host one of the most popular events in the Kingdom at one of the most popular sites in the Known World. It behooves us to take full advantage of this and put forth the superhuman effort this Barony is capable of. We Can Do It!!!!!!!!!!!!

And as we all are aware – with the economy where it is, we need to use every ‘positive’ aspect of the event to entice guests to opt for Gatalop. And remember – this is our MAIN event, and its success, or lack thereof, can make a HUGE difference in what we, as a group, are in a financial position to do in the coming year.

So. . .bearing that in mind, we are looking for everyone’s assistance, input and cooperation to this year’s installment of Gatalop the success we’ve grown to expect it

to be, and the Bombdiggity event that our guests expect it to be. And rightfully so. . .after all. . .it's been us that's set the bar so high. . .so it's up to us, all of us – cause this event CAN (and we hope, WILL) be a monster! And much like Dr. Frankenstein's was his, this is "OUR" baby ☺.

We are, as advertised, 'kickin' it old school' with this year's installment. That doesn't, however, mean we can't 'expand' it – we do, after all, have an additional day ☺.

Again – we want to encourage everyone to share their ideas, suggestions, recommendations and commentary with the autocratting staff. There are so many facets to this event; fighting, fighting, fighting, Arts & Sciences and Artisans' Row. Loads of merchants, the most kick-butt site going. . .and all hosted by a group that loves to entertain their guests lavishly and have one helluva good time themselves in the process.

There are ample and varied opportunities for folks to get involved. You need not confine yourself to one area of service at the event. . .the more the merrier – and might I suggest trying something different. . .you never know what you're gonna enjoy til you give it a shot! Many hands make light work. . .and if everyone signs on for a couple of shifts, there is a good chance some of the folks that otherwise wouldn't do anything but 'work' the event might actually get a chance to kick back a bit. I am not advocating that everyone has to bust their hindquarters constantly. . .but remember folks. WE are sponsoring the event and first and foremost it is our responsibility to assure that our guests have the best time they can possibly have. And this takes a lot of work. To our credit, we've been able, for years, to make this look cheese easy. . .and all things considered, it can be a heckuva lot easier. . .the more folks that share the load, the lighter said load.

Okay. . .I know, I know. . .shut up already about the work load. . .let's hear about the fun. Well. . .there'll be plenty of that to be had as well. The initial draft of the schedule is up on the webpage. . .and we're talkin' fighting, fighting and more fighting! Lots of options and some fun 'different' stuff. . .like boiling oil at the gate (some of us old pharts remember that from ancient ages ago!). We are also batting about the possibility of a fundraiser William Marshal tourney to benefit the Fort – and we'd like ya'll's input on this. The fort has graciously hosted our group for years with not only

Gatalops, but Crown Lists and Coronations too. And we thought that it might be a stellar idea to 'give back' a bit.

Another thing that we're gonna try to work on is making the Baronial Buffets both Thursday and Friday night something that our guests will be thrilled with. We've got some ideas. . .but would love to hear from the populace as to how you think we can make this bigger and better. If everyone works together and contributes it's not gonna require a huge financial commitment on the part of a few individuals. . .and we'll be able to offer a wider variety of items for our guests, and ourselves.

And while we're talking about really wanting your input. . . .

T Shirts!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We'd LOVE to do t-shirts again. What does everyone think? We'll be throwing it open for folks to submit designs. . .and if you aren't artistically gifted. . .by all means share your ideas as to what you'd like to see and we'll see if we can't get you some assistance it getting them put on paper.

We will also be accepting proposals for fundraiser meals for lunches at Gatalop. We've had a LOT of positive feedback from attendees who love having the chance to let someone else deal with providing their lunches. No muss, no fuss. There will be a proposal form available shortly - we'll post where on the Yahoo groups. Decisions will be made by committee. . .so if you are interested in putting in a proposal - by all means do so. We'll decide soon. . .so that everyone hosting a meal can get us the information regarding what they're providing, cost, etc. to be posted on the appropriate page on the webflyer.

Again, we would greatly appreciate input from the members of the barony about any ideas or suggestions you may have.

The Staff of Gatalop XXVII  
Countess Rhiannon, Lady Nuala, Lord Azrack, and Lord Rufus

## Taking Over an Existing Local Event

By Lady Meliora Leuedai de Ardescote

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Your group has been putting on the same event since, well, they just always have. It's the same event with the same theme, at the same date and location, and the same autocrat and staff as always, or is it?

When taking over as autocrat of a regularly scheduled local event, my best advice is, for the most part, "don't mess with what works." Occasionally, a new autocrat, like a new boss, comes in with new ideas for radical changes. The event moves around on the calendar, travels to a new location, or has a change in activities that scare off your repeat attendees. Obviously, changes are sometimes necessary (i.e. the need to meet budget, conflicts with events or holidays, etc.), but if the event has no consistency, people will not know what to expect when they attend, and if they don't like what they see, may find something else to do when your event rolls around next year.

If you find you're the new autocrat for an existing event, and you do have ideas that are exciting to you, INCORPORATE them into the existing event. If the event is martial arts based, and you really wanted to do A&S, ADD it to the event. Don't try to take away an existing martial arts activity to put A&S in its place. Someone may show up expecting to do archery because your event has always had archery. If they find that they've driven for an hour or two to get to your event, and you've decided not to have archery this year, they will go away angry, and possibly never come back to your event in the future. They may even hunt you down at the event to voice an opinion. If your reasoning is, "we really wanted to do dancing," then add it to the event.

This may sound like Old Fogie stuff, especially if your group is one that does things the same way, "because we've always done it that way." But if you want to get support from the same people who have always "done it that way," you'll be more likely to if you don't try to make radical changes to the existing event. However, adding your special touches to the event will make you shine as autocrat, and renew people's interest in attending.

# **An SCA History of the Entire Known World**

by Sir Batshit ap Llewellyn FitzDogroot of Frontbottom  
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## **October 29th, 4004 BC, 9.00am**

Creation of the universe.

## **Fifteen nanoseconds later**

Creation of the first Lycra.

## **Early Periods**

Nothing happened at this time

## **The Ancient Period (400 BC to 300 AD)**

There were a few Romans and some Samurai, but not much else.

## **The Dark and Barbarous Ages (300 AD to 1200 AD)**

This was a very uncourtly period. Everyone wore furs and bikinis made of wolfskins and mail. No armour was ever worn apart from helmets with horns on them. The guy with the biggest horns on his helmet was the chief. Really powerful chiefs had huge horns, like whole moose antlers on their helmets, and they had to get two other guys to follow them around to help hold their heads up. You had to have horns on your helmet to let other people know you were chief, because no-one could speak in this period, though they could make grunting noises. The main economic activity was breaking things and the main past-time was pillaging.

The only exceptions to these rules were the Vikings. They were more like medieval people, except they hadn't learned to wear Lycra yet. They could speak forsooth though, and were quite courteous. Famous personalities in this period include Conan the Barbarian, Conan the Destroyer, Conan the Conqueror and Hagar the Horrible. Irongron Skullsplitter may have lived in this period, but he is more likely to have been a myth. His sword Blood-drinker is definitely a myth - just ask Steve Hand.

## **The Middle Ages (1200 AD to the Present Day)**

This period began when some unknown genius discovered how to make tights out of Lycra. The whole of human civilisation was transformed almost overnight by this

discovery, a new dawn of the human spirit broke on the horizon of barbarism and a great renaissance of discovery and wild invention began.

Following hot on the heels of the discovery of Lycra tights came the first rattan cane swords. These were very fairly primitive instruments, until Lord Rabbitfart von Backbosom discovered silver duct tape, which made rattan swords look much more shiny and clean. More discoveries followed in rapid succession, rubber chicken heads to adorn knightly helmets (1253 AD), ugg boots (1301 AD), hot pink crushed velvet for robes (1324 AD) and, finally, plastic pickle barrels for making armour out of (1350 AD).

With the technological advent of plastic pickle-barrel armour, the age of chivalry dawned and has continued ever since. Plastic armour and, to a lesser extent carpet armour, transformed the fighting field in the same way lycra transformed the feast hall. Now everybody could be chivalrous to everybody else. Every one was everyone else's lord or lady, regardless of the rules of logic, and all peasants promptly disappeared.

These civilising inventions soon transformed the political system. The primitive tribal structure of guys with big horns on their helmets was soon replaced by a new and much more shiny medieval system. To express it simply, all belted fighters of a given kingdom/principate or autonomous ducal or sub-ducial area, given that their armour and other fighting-associated, body-attached equipment had been assessed and deemed worthy by the seventeen committees and sub-committees of the Marshals-in-Chief and sub-principiate Marshals-in-not-so-Chief, and that they had signed the 72 page waiver documents in the still steaming blood of their first born child, could do battle with shiny duct-tape covered rattan (of approved diameter) for the honour of their lady/lord/same gendered significant other/trans-gendered co-equal lifestyle sharing but socially uninhibited partner. The object of this chivalrous and courteous combat was to hit the living bejesus out of his/her/their most esteemed and honoured opponent, but not to touch the hands, groin, knees, lower legs, elbows, hipjoints, pancreas, endocrine system, coccyx or brain. When a round robin, elimination style, back to back series of combats had been run in full rotation forty three times, the remaining combatants were then to fight another one on one, all-in, elimination series, before casting lots with the jawbone of an ass to see who was to observe the flight of passing birds and thus figure out who was to fight the final seven score and fifty combats.

### **The winner was declared king.**

The king, of course, then ruled with absolute power alongside his lady/lord/same gendered significant other/trans-gendered co-equal lifestyle sharing but socially uninhibited partner, though he could not make any laws, edicts, promulgations or articles which may (or may not) infringe in any way the right of another man, woman, child, or multi-gendered elf-like creature to do anything they may have liked to do if they had a mind to act in that way, nor could they stop anyone from being as Californian as they wanted They also only ruled for six months and then the whole process started all over again. See, isn't that simple? It's small wonder everyone in the Middle Ages was/is so happy.

### **Conclusion**

So, now you know all about the Middle Ages. Some may try and tell you it wasn't like that at all, but to that I would reply 'Prove it wasn't. After all, it might have been, and you can't trust what historians say because they're just stuffy academics who spend all their time reading dumb books, instead of living their dreams like me. You have to live your dreams to understand the Middle Ages. And if we all close our eyes really, really tight and wish really, really hard maybe we can believe that history wasn't as it was, but as it should have been. Or as Science Fiction fans and trekkies from California thought it should have been anyway. And maybe we can believe that elves exist. And dragons! And hobbits!! And maybe I can have that pet unicorn I've always wanted! And maybe we can fly with the aliens to Alpha Centauri on magic dolphins! And maybe ...

oh dear, here they come again to hold me down and give me some more injections. Time to sleep, time to sleep ..



# English ~ 14th Century Finger foods

by THL Kateryn de Develyn  
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Recipes from 14th century English sources which have been redacted and used as finger foods. While not originally intended as finger foods, I have found that they were easily converted. These recipes have been redacted by Her Ladyship Kateryn de Develyn, of the Kingdom of Calontir.

## Tart de Bry ~ Cheese Tart Forme of Cary

Take a crust inch deep in a trap. Take yolks of ayren raw and cheese ruayn1 and medle it and the yolks together and do thereto powder ginger, sugar, saffron, and salt. Do it in a trap, bake it and serve it forth.

8" pie crust  
6 eggs  
1 & 1/2 lb fresh-made cheese: Brie, Neufchatel, Mozzarella, etc.  
1 tbsp ginger  
1/4 cup sugar  
8 threads saffron  
Salt to taste

Mash cheese and egg yolks together. Grind saffron with the sugar to crush the threads. Add the salt and ginger. Put in crust, and bake 50 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool before eating.

This can be made as a large pie, or as mini-pies, or even muffin or mini-muffin sized pies. Adjust cooking time downward when using smaller pies.

# A NEVER ENDING FIGHT

By Lokotes

In my dreams I've fought brutal men and fierce beast.  
I've died countless times and have served as a feast  
to those who have bested me on field and in contest.  
I rise again from my bones; I remain yet Impervious

Though beaten countless times I've never been defeated.  
The fury within me allows every fight be repeated  
The harder they hit the more I am heated  
My soul as coal fuels fire yet needed

I fight beyond death if that is what it takes  
to defend the lady who behind me yet waits  
No man shall pass the walls or the gates  
through me all must pass with their fates...

I'll rend with bare hands if that is what must  
with teeth I shall crush and with jabs and with thrust  
with shield or with axe or with sword that cant rust  
on shoulders of stone I carry her trust

No matter the fury and unrelenting hate  
No matter the vengeance that i can not sate  
No matter what beastly form I thus take  
Her touch calmly brings forth the man from that state

Her arms are of water that flows through my veins  
She cools with but a touch my molten remains  
with her hands on my skin she alone gains  
control of the tempest; my eyes become sane

and for those few brief moments I understand peace  
I hold tight and long for her to never release  
and her smile is knowing in her kind embrace  
but I understand that this isn't yet my place

Her kisses are soft and reach to my core  
but her eyes are haunted; she remembers before  
and the cycle repeats as she falls to the floor  
her hands pull away and hell rules once more

Thus I awake, my heart burns anew  
My eyes are of fire and skin turns steel blue  
My hands become weapons and my feet turn to roots  
A stone in the river that separates one to two

No time to seek out this woman who may save me  
I stand at the gate and await patiently  
with hands impatient and fire beneath me  
my soul is unbalanced and my teeth grow within me

I fight through my day and into the night  
and long for her touch at the end of the fight  
Darkness comes to swallow the light  
with eyes of fire I again gain sight

As sleep consumes me I seek her there,  
to save me in the end from my own despair  
The gate at my back; enemies everywhere  
I long for the peace we may share.



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