

Event Stewards thank Feast of St. George volunteers

By Muirne ni Cormaic

On behalf of Lord Lahbruinn and myself, I would like to thank the following people for their help with the feast. If I have left anyone out, please know that we appreciated the hard work of everyone at the event.

Besides helping to make some of the yummy desserts, Lady Grace was also very helpful throughout the day. All of the coffee drinkers in the kitchen owe her a favor!

Lord Stephen and Lady Katarina Scrivener not only chopped a small mountain of onions and helped with the preparation of almost every dish, but they also obtained the water that

we needed once the pump went out. Big kudos to Lord Stephen who cleaned all of the dishes - quite a feat at a site without running water!

Mistress Eloise of Coulter and Lord Dorigen were their usual very helpful and reliable selves. Mistress Eloise contributed some of her delicious shortbread to the dessert offerings, and Lord Dorigen brewed what I am told was some excellent cider. Another big thank you to Lord Dorigen for his work with the bathrooms.

Master Luke Knowlton was a mainstay in the kitchen, and played a big part in the site cleanup as well. Baron Jehan du Lac graciously taught period table service and directed the

servers throughout the evening.

Our servers - Edgar, Pat, Cary, Christopher and Johanna - played a big part in the success of the feast, and we were very happy to have them. They were also tremendously helpful throughout the day with any task that was asked of them.

A heartfelt thanks to Lady Beileag for adding to the elegance of the afternoon and evening with her lovely harp playing.

And last, but not least, our thanks to Lady Aurelia for providing the lantern that allowed us to continue to serve the feast as the evening approached and the electricity remained AWOL. Thank you!

Editorial -- Where was everyone?

I did not work this event. I set up the games table, taught and played games much of the afternoon and talked to friends. I took full advantage of the event announcement that encouraged casual schmoozing. I thoroughly enjoyed hearing Lady Beileag's harp play at a distance.

This was a wonderful event missed by many in the barony. I don't hold that participation was down because of the heavy rain. And we didn't lose power until 1 p.m., so that wasn't it either. Why did people not try this new and different event?

Some speculated that it was because there was no archery or heavy list fighting. Yet some fighters, adult and youth, did attend and enjoyed themselves. Some played games, talked or helped in the kitchen.

The menu was among the best I've ever had at a feast. Comments on the BBM e-mail list showed that others agreed.

"I am a firm believer the best cooks are in BBM," Lady Beileag wrote.

In the coming busy season, BBM will host three major events, starting Saturday with 4Q this coming weekend. I realize not everyone can attend everything. I can't either. But please make an effort to support your barony. We're not just Simplefare anymore.

Events

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For more information on Youth fighting please contact: Baron Master Cormac at cormac_east@msn.com.

For information on the day board please contact: Mistress Muirne ni Cormaic at MuirneSue@aol.com.

Directions: Take your best way to Route 2. East and West take exit 22. From the east: At the end of the ramp turn right, go to stop sign, go straight for about 2.7 miles, entrance is on the right. From the west: At the end of the ramp turn left, follow above directions.

BBM Birthday: Saturday, June 11, Bennett Park, Shelter Rock Road, Bethel, CT, hosted by Canton of Ravenhill.

Join the celebration at an outdoor event in a tranquil park setting with pond (no swimming). Site has a large covered pavilion with numerous picnic tables in case of inclement weather. Period pavilions and banners are encouraged as are period

games and music.

There are areas for fencing and archery (marshals supplied). There is also space for heavy list and youth combat (bring your own marshal for these).

Come and enjoy a day spent with friends old and new.

The BBM June meeting will be held at 2 p.m. and be immediately followed by the Ravenhill June meeting.

There is space for merchants - please contact the Autocrat if you wish to reserve a table.

Site Opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 7 p.m. Site fees: Adult, \$9 (includes hearty day board); Ages 8-12 \$4; 7 & under: Free.

The \$3 nonmember fee will be charged if you are unable to present an SCA membership card.

Feast: Reservations requested by June 1.

Send Reservations to Autocrat James L'Hernault, 5 Shelter Rock Rd, Bethel, CT 06801-1315. Phone: (203) 798-7139 No calls after 9 p.m. please. E-mail: jlhernault@sbcglobal.net.

Make Checks Payable to: SCA, Inc., Canton

of Ravenhill.

Directions: Best route to I-84. From NY state/West, take I-84 east to Danbury, CT. Take exit 8 off I-84 and stay in the middle lane of the exit ramp. After angling left through the light at the end of the ramp, go about 100 yards and turn right onto Payne Road at a traffic light (just past a Chase Bank on your right). Continue from *

From Hartford/East, take I-84 west to Danbury, CT. Take exit 8 off I-84, merge into traffic and shift over to the far left lane. After about 100 yards you will bear sharply left around the circle (crossing over the interstate) and continue in the opposite direction you were going. Go about 100 yards more and turn right onto Payne Rd at a traffic light (just past Chase Bank on your right). Continue from *.

*Once you have turned onto Payne Road, go straight for about 1.5 miles (the road bends, but do not make any turns). The park is on the right. There will be SCA signs all around the traffic circle as well as on Payne Road and at the park.