

CHUZONEWS

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From the Samhain feastocrat:

Greetings to all the good gentles in the Canton of Chuzan from the feastocrat of Samhain,

This is just a quick note to explain the rules for the upcoming feast and to whet your appetites for attending. First off, the menu is published somewhere else in the newsletter. For those of you who have dietary restrictions for one reason or another please call me at 939-7127 and let me know what they are so if necessary I can fix something else for you.

Secondly, this feast will have several rules that you might want to pay attention to. First, I am asking that no forks be used during feast. Knives and spoons are allowed. For those people caught eating with a fork, or anything the head table deems akin to a fork, a special bowl of oatmeal will be placed before the head table where you will also be placed. You will then eat this oatmeal without benefit of any eating utensil at all. bibs will be provided to protect garb and anyone overly angry at being requested to participate will not be forced; however, you may be asked to leave the feast hall. You have my personal assurance that this oatmeal will not be lumpy! Also for this feast there will be large drop cloths placed between tables for you to use as scrap bowls. Please make use of them as they are there specifically to add to the atmosphere. Next, one of the dishes served, called colcannon, will have some items cooked into it that are NOT edible. Please be very careful not to eat any of these items. Colcannon is traditionally served on All Hallow's Eve in Ireland with the following things cooked into it that predict your fortune for the next year: A coin, (meaning wealth), a ring (meaning marriage), a button (meaning bachelorhood), and a thimble (meaning spinsterhood). Take heart, though-if you get the button or the thimble, it's only for a year.

I am also looking for people to help with several things prior to and during the feast. First I need servers. I will pay site fees for the day for those people serving during feast. I need at least one person per table and two for the head table. This totals up to about 5-7 people. You can call me at the above number if you are interested. Second, I need pots, pans, and serving dishes! I am in especial need of really large earthenware or glass dishes. If you have some of these items and are willing to let me use them for about two weeks prior to the feast I would be very grateful. Again, just call me at the above number.

For entertainment, this feast I am going to try something different to inspire all you performers out there. There will be definite "bennies" for performing. First, all people performing at feast WILL coordinate with me prior to the day of the event. I do not want last minute entertainment this feast. Those people who are entertaining us will receive the following things as my thanks: I will pay your site fee. I will also allow you to choose where you will set at feast prior to the general populace. For those people who have large families coming to feast, I have no problem with you working out some performance for the populace that includes your whole family. As a matter of fact I highly recommend you develop something. If I receive sufficient quantities of people

CHRONICLER'S NOTES

Ly. Caitlin

In addition to the other catalogs that Ld. Bran and I have received in the last few months, I have recently ordered some from Medieval Miscellanea, who make garb patterns, and Barnes and Noble, the booksellers. I currently have some catalogs that offer books, and are available for borrowing. At any rate, if you would like for us to bring our catalogs to a meeting, just give us a call and let us know. We'll be happy to bring them to the next meeting after your call.

Well, how do you all like the new format? Would you prefer the Chuzanews in this booklet form, or do you prefer the old way? Since this is not a democracy, (read: since I write a lot of it and do all the computer input, collating, stapling, and mailing, I get to choose!) I would like to hear your opinion on this format as opposed to the other one. This one is easier for me, but if you don't like it, I'll listen to your reasons why. You all know (I hope!) that I'm not an ogre, and if enough people tell me they like it the other way, I'll change back. But I prefer it this way, just so you know.

I haven't heard any comments on the Chuzanews at all unless I ask people outright. That bothers me, because when I ask people what they think, everyone I know is polite enough to say that they really like it. I haven't heard any negative comments, and of course I'm glad of that, but I'd like to hear some unsolicited comments on the paper itself and the ideas for articles that I've mentioned in my Notes.

As a lot of you know, I am not working in the Base Library on Kadana. Since I'm not on a regular schedule, it will be difficult to get me on the phone or by stopping by the house. However, my lord is very good about getting messages to me. If our farspeaker answerer ever arrives, that will be available also. I don't mind people stopping into the library to give me information, but if you plan to do that, call my house first to make sure I'm working. Then, please write down whatever you want me to know or submit to the paper—we stay pretty busy there, and if you just tell me, I guarantee that I will forget it. And remember the SCA saying, "If it isn't on paper, it doesn't exist." In this case, it is very true!

I still need a deputy. I got NO response from my want ad. You need to be a drop dead deputy, meaning that if I have to call you on short or no notice, you can throw something together on

paper and get it mailed out. You don't need a computer, but having access to one or being able to get to a typewriter is necessary. You would need a mailing list. I am currently entering the mailing list that I have, which was current as of July 29, 1992, and will be able to print it out. If any information has changed since then, call me and tell me. If I don't have current information, you won't get your newsletter.

Well, that's about it for this month. Remember, if you want to write an editorial, put it on paper and get it to either me or Lord Bran. As long as there aren't any personal attacks in it, I will print it. If you have ideas for articles, let me know. I will either write it or get someone (maybe you!) to write it. Artwork is always welcome.

In service to the Canton,

Ly. Caitlin of Rosecommon



Unto the populace of the Canton of Chuzan, warm greetings from Lady Caitlin of Rosecommon, Canton Chronicler.

My lords and ladies,

This article contains my opinions, and does not reflect SCA policy except where noted.

I attended the event at Camp Lester the weekend of September 5/6. Unfortunately my mundane job made it impossible for me to arrive before the last hour or so of the event, when the tournament was just being finished. When I did arrive, though, I was appalled to find that almost everyone who was not fighting was wearing mundane clothes. Apparently everyone has forgotten the basic rules of attending an SCA event, which are:

1. MAKE AN ATTEMPT AT PRE-1600's DRESS.
2. Treat those you encounter with Courtesy and Chivalry.
3. Leave any arc used cleaner than found.
4. The Crowns'/Coronets' word is law.*

I am mainly concerned with rule 1. Before I continue, I must say that I was not in garb either, but then I'd just gotten off work, and although my garb was in the car, Tommy wouldn't let go of me long enough to go change. However, if I'd planned to be there for more than an hour, I would have changed.

The point is that until the event was over and the site proclaimed closed, EVERYONE should have been in garb. Events are different from fighter practice and should be thought of in a different way. Events are where we attend as our persona, not our mundane selves. Therefore, we should dress as our personae would have dressed. Otherwise, what's the point of making garb?

The only time anyone should wear mundane clothing on site is when they are arriving and setting up, and when they are packing up to leave. While you are on site, be in garb. No ifs, ands, or buts. I must say thank you to Lord Richard of Edengaine for being properly dressed when no one else but the fighters was.

I hope I never see such a thing again. I have talked to Ld. Eugenius and Ld. Bjorn, and they intend to use event sites in future that are closed, so that if you aren't in garb or carrying garb so that

you can change, you will not be admitted to the site. I agree with them wholeheartedly. If you don't have any garb, there are people in this Canton who will be more than happy to help you make some—myself included.

I want everyone to have a good time at events, but as liberal as the Society is, some rules are necessary so that everyone can have fun and enjoy the pursuit of the Dream that we are all supposed to share. It is difficult to get into the mood of an event if you have constant reminders of the mundane world. That is why we do things the way we do—we are trying to suspend reality for a short time and pretend that we are living in the Middle Ages. We try to do things the way they would have done in those times. How can we even attempt to pretend if everyone is wearing jeans and T-shirts?

I hope to see everyone at future events in garb. If anyone from the States had attended and seen that hardly anyone was in garb, they would have been as appalled as I was. If you don't like to wear garb, they why are you in the Society? It's such a basic part of being a member that we shouldn't even think about it. If you have garb that is too hot, then get some lighter fabric and make new garb, or borrow some. That is what the Gold Key is for. **BUT WHEN YOU ARE AT AN EVENT, WEAR GARB-IF YOU CANT MAKE YOURSELF WEAR GARB, STAY HOME.** 'Nuff said?

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much as possible. The prize is a shield with the winning device, suitable for display.

Bardic Contest: Theme of entries should have something to do with the battle of good vs. evil, darkness vs. light, etc. Prize will be announced at the competition.

Bardic Circle: There will be a Bardic Circle/Revel on site. Individuals will be strong-armed, if necessary, into singing. If still not convinced, they will be fed to the troll!

For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Ld. Bjorn Svenson at 937-0464.

MORE INFO ON NEXT PAGE!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

OYEH! OYEH! OYEH! My lords and my ladies, pray pay heed! Unto all gentles of Chuzan content: I, Eugenius, being lord of the household of the Guardians of the Black Orb, do take great pleasure in announcing the birth of Thomas Anthony Curtin, who was born on this the 29th day of September, A. S. XXVII, half-past Terce. At this time the only information that can be gotten in reference to mother and child from the elated father, Ld. Thomas MacCurtin is that "he's doing fine." One assumes the mother is also fine.

CANTON AWARDS

(NOTE: I will be printing a series of articles on the awards given at the Canton level when I have the space to include them. This information was submitted by our illustrious Seneschal, Ld. David di Ferram. Thank you, Ld. David!)

SERVICE AWARDS:

THE CORAL AWARD

Given for exceptional service to the Canton (autocrat, feastocrat, etc.) in a single event or, supporting service in 3 or more events. May be given more than once. The first time recipient will receive a scroll and a coral piece; subsequent is additional pieces of coral without the scroll.

TEXT: My Lords and Ladies, pay heed and know that

has been rewarded with The Coral, in recognition for chivalrous acts of great service to Chuzan Canton. For, as the coral lives and builds upon the accomplishments of its companions, so (his/ her) work hath added to the work of others to create a strong foundation for all.

(Seal)

Seneschal

given this (date)

ORDER OF THE EMERALD REEF

Given for long-term and exceptional service to the Canton. Recipient usually would already have received at least 3 Corals. Given only once to hard-working people (a scroll and an emerald piece).

TEXT: I (Seneschal's name) by appointment of the King, Seneschal to Chuzan Canton do admit

to the order of the Emerald Reef.

All great endeavors are the product of hard labor and skilled leadership. Long and hard hath (Lord/Lady Name) served in Chuzan Canton and We are mindful to recognize (his/her) faithful and enduring service. Thus we add (his/her) name to the company of those whose work

has established the foundations of greatness in this Land. (He/She) will always be listed among the most praiseworthy nobles of hte Canton.

(Seal)
Seneschal
Given this (date)

ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS:

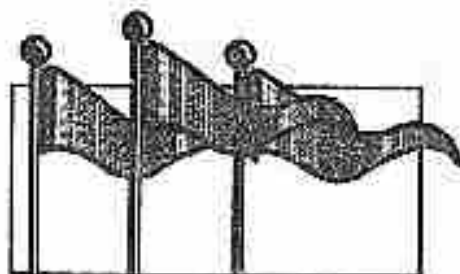
THE CHERRY BLOSSOM AWARD: Given for an art or science creation reflecting notable skill. Consideration is given for authenticity, original methods or materials, and technical skill. Eg. winners of arts & sciences competitions. May be given more than once. The first time is a scroll & a cloth flower (embroidered, etc.) subsequent are additional pieces of cloth (no scroll).

TEXT: May all Lords and Ladies take note of the great treasure which hath been wrought by

In recognition of surpassing skill in (what), we do present (Lord/Lady Name) with The Cherry Blossom. For as the blossoms of ther cherry tree bring beauty and grace to our land, by skill in the arts and sciences (he/she) hath added beauty and grace to our lives.

The cherry blossom is a sign of rebirth in Japan, as (his/her) craft is a rebirth of ancient skills.

(Seal)
Seneschal
Given this (date)



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 17--Scout Demo. Demo-crat: Francisco de l'Orto del Marino, 633-0869

OCTOBER 23-25--Samhain Encampment. Autocrat: Ld. Bjorn Svenson, 937-0464

DECEMBER 11-13--Yuleide Encampment. Autocrat: Ld. David di Ferrara 633-9058

JANUARY 9--Twelfth Night Feast. Autocrat: To be announced.

CLASSES

Thirty-minute classes in medieval topics are offered weekly, while dancers catch their breath, at approx 7:30-8:00pm.

OCTOBER 14--Art of War.....Ld. Bjorn

OCTOBER 21--Heraldry.....Ld. Eugenius

OCTOBER 28--Music.....Ly. Caitlin

OCTOBER 18 & 25--Field Marshalling classes at fighter practice on Sundays.

There will be an open Canton meeting on October 21, 1992, to discuss the elevation of this Canton to Barony status. All members are strongly encouraged to attend.

desiring to perform than I will hold auditions during the morning of the event. I want no more than two performances totaling no more than ten minutes between each remove. The removes will be coming quick this feast so that there will be time for the torch light journey afterwards.

I really hope you will enjoy this feast. I have already spent many hours trying to think of ways to make it the most enjoyable feast I could. If you have any ideas please, please, please let me know.

Oh, by the way, just wait until you see the subtility!

In service to Canton and your appetites,

Lord Sean the Dark

A C C I D I N G F E A S T

O N T H E T A B L E

*Honey Butter
Irish Soda Bread
Assorted cheeses*

T H E F I R S T R E M O V E

*Pratie Oaten
Baked Onions*

T H E S E C O N D R E M O V E

*Spiced Beef
Colcannon*

T H E T H I R D R E M O V E

Oaten honeycomb

WANT ADS

WANTED: A BARONIAL HISTORIAN—this person would compile a history of the Barony of the Far West from newsletters and photographs, and maintain it. If you're interested, please contact Her Excellency Mistress Chryse Raptus at 937-2652.

WANTED: A DEPUTY CHRONICLER—this person would need to be able to take over the newsletter at very short notice and get it out, which would include writing, typing the information or entering it in the computer, collating, stapling and mailing. If you're interested, please contact Lady Caitlin of Rosecommon at 939-7127.

WANTED: STAFF FOR CHUZANEWS—People who could copy, collate, staple and get the newsletter ready for mailing. No pay, but your chronicler would be ever so grateful! If you can volunteer some time, call Ly. Caitlin at 939-7127.

WANTED: A DEPUTY EXCHEQUER—the position of deputy exchequer of the Canton of Chuzan is currently open. The only special skill required for this position is the ability to balance a checkbook along with the willingness to write monthly (that's right, monthly) reports. The deputy exchequer will become the new canton exchequer when Ld. Simon retires, so the new deputy should be planning to remain on Oldmaws until at least September, 1994. Interested applicants should contact Ld. Simon in writing (that's right, you have to prove that you can write...) at the address listed inside the front cover.

