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CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHIRE OF CORVARIA,
GREETINGS and welcome to the first issue, the Winter Season, of The Corvarian Publication: sharing the
news, talents and activities of the people of Corvaria.

HIS HIGHNESS PRAETOR ZITOS GYORGY TURK and HER HIGHNESS PRAETORA VESTIA ANTONIA AURELIA
(Dec 2015 – Jun 2016)



Photo: Patricia Casey

*With great joy and happiness,
The Shire of Corvaria
Welcomes its newly invested
Prince and Princess!*

HIS HIGHNESS FRYST TRYGGR and HER HIGHNESS FRSYSTA
TEMPERANCE
(Jun-Dec, 2015)



Fellow Corvarians, Thank you for making our reign so special. From Investiture amid the pageantry of banners and dancing with our visitors from distant islands to our step down and the ascension of another Corvarian, you have supported us in countless ways. We want to thank you for the gift of your service. May this season bring you joy. Tryggr & Temperance

Photo:

Jeannie Taylor

The Beginning History of the Shire of Corvaria

20 years ago...

Over the lands of The Summits, a shadow was cast... by a Raven's wings as it soared across the sun...

Three women. Each spirited in her own way, built the nest in which a new shire would hatch. The Lady Korah, wanting to have an active shire near her home, invited the Summit Cousins from the west and south to spend a sunny day in a juniper park. At this demonstration enough locals were intrigued and inspired to create the clutch of the future Corvaria. Lady Laural provided lengthy experience and talent in the arts and sciences and archery, the first activity involved many Corvarians. The Lady Lauren contributed her dedication to the process of administration and development of an official branch status. The sponsoring branch, the Shire of Southmarch "loaned" their traditional May Revel event to encourage long-term players far and wide to visit this young group on the high desert.

Thus began Corvaria-to-be: three officers, a handful of interested folk, and support from Southmarch and The Summits. Building a nest through the Incipency Period required completing a list of qualifications. These folks began meeting regularly, functioning with the required officers, and reporting regularly. In addition to the "borrowed" May Revel a new event was added to the Shire's annual calendar - Harvest Tourney in the fall. A branch device was created by Lady Laurel showing our Raven in flight, carrying the laurel wreath of the Society in its talons.

The most difficult requirement to meet was the selection of the name. Being "under the protection of the raven", and with lack of clear understanding of Latin, the erroneous name of "Bris Umbra" was chosen first. Upon the submission to and subsequent rejection by the College of Heraldry, the group received help from the Aestyl Herald. And the more suitable name of

“Corvaria” was developed. Corvaria means “the place of ravens”... and thus most fitting.

Three years of growth and activity prepared the incipient branch for its release as a full-fledged Shire. In a most rewarding presentation, Their Royal Majesties King Tjrkil and Queen Elowyn, the Shire of Corvaria took wing the most glorious Kingdom of An Tír to soar above the snow-glistening peaks to join their cousins of The Summits in A S XXX.

As this tale concludes at this moment in time ...

In Corvaria, many folks have come and gone since the last Doomsday Reckoning. And many of the founding flock remain active still. Harvest Tourney has become the annual event to determine the Champions of Heavy Defender, Archery, Rapier, and the Arts & Sciences. Service to the Shire is recognized with the presentation of the honorary token of The Raven’s friend. And the Shire and its members have taken an active role in living “The Dream”

Caaw! Caaw! Caaw!

Submitted by HL Laurencia des Jardins

founding Branch Seneschal

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Photo: Moudry

With the beautiful backdrop of the Cascade Mountain range, blue skies and wispy clouds, on June 20, 2015 (AS L), at the Convention Grounds in Redmond, the Shire of Corvaria held the Investiture for His Highness Fryst Tryggr and Her Highness Frsyta Temperance whose reign ended in December 2015 (AS L). The weather co-operated with sunshine and what felt like a 15 mile steady wind that made you hang on to your hat,. The pagentry, warrior fighting and camaraderie, along with good food and entertainment, provided a very enjoyable atmosphere, fellowship and good-will. A great time and event to be remembered by Corvarians and guests.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

Greetings from your Family Activities Coordinator!

This quarter has been quiet for Family Activities. I have taken the time to brainstorm and plan out some activities for the New Year. It is my hope that having this position active will help the Shire engage our youth and families in a variety of ways. It is my particular goal that we can inspire the children in Corvaria to a love of history of their own.

I am planning on having a Children's Activity on Saturday January 16 that gives them the chance to explore Heraldry. I am open for any suggestions of other themes or activities for families to engage in throughout the year.

HL Ysabella Morena

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FIRST *A & S* MEETING

On Wednesday evening, November 18, 2015, Johann called the first meeting of the Arts and Sciences at 61000 Brosterhouse Rd at 5:30pm. All were invited bring projects they making or to come to the gathering and share a social evening.

Johann brought his sewing, the circlet made of brass with a jewel on the front and a good selection of books from the library. Nai brought her ironing board and iron to press miles of a beautiful green fabric that she had dyed. Pam Seiber & Rhonda Chambers brought their weaving. Children were given black balloons to toss about and play with. A. J. taking photos. Fyrst Tryggr and Fyrsta Temperance graced us with their presence. A great time was had by all.

The A & S is planning to meet every third Wednesday of the month. You are invited to attend.

(Moudrý)

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MARKET PLATZ

FOR SALE: THE BAILEY SALE is still for sale one nice quality awning and about 6 large plastic boxes of sales items including costumes. nic nacs and other interesting items for sale tables and a chair included 200 dollars Laura Altig

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SALUTING THOSE WATCHING OVER THE SHIRE OF CORVARIA:

KING AND QUEEN OF AN TIR: HIS MAJESTY KING HAVORDH
HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY GRACE

PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF THE SUMMMITS: HIS HIGHNESS PRAETOR ZIITOS GYORGY TURK and
(December 12) HER HIGHNESS PRAETORA VESTIA ANTONIA AURELIA

RETIRING PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF THE SUMMITS: HIS HIGHNESS FRYST TRYGGR and
(December 12) HER HIGHNESS FRSYSTA TEMMPERNE

SENECHAL: THADDEUS MacGRAEGAIR

CHATELAINE: DUANA LINETTE TRAHERNE

EXCHEQUER: ROWAN KEELE

SHIRE DEFENDER: THADDEUS MacGRAEGAIR

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EVENTS

ALL FOOL'S CELEBRATION - April 2, 2016 (AS LI)

LOCAL GATHERINGS

A&S Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of the month 5:30pm, at 61000 Brosterhouse , Bend

Archery: Spring schedule to be announced

Business Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:00pm at Jake's Diner, 2210 NE Hwy 20, Bend

Fighters Sunday Morning Practice; 11:00am at Miller's Landing Park, 55 NW Riverside Blvd, Bend

Fighters Thursday Afternoon Practice; 6pm at 21165 Reed Market Road, Bend (Suspended for winter)

Social Meeting: 4th Wednesday of the month 6:30pm at Pappy's Pizza, 2065 Meyer Dr., Bend

*** * *TRUE TALES* * ***

True Tales of Ziitos Gyorgy Turk

(from a 2014 interview by Moudrý)

It started months before the tournament. I needed to find a consort. It can be anybody, a partner in your life or a long-time friend, or what have you. It's usually a male-female relationship. I had to deal

with this idea but eventually it worked out. My consort team was Decimus Meli. He was also the guy to beat in the tournament.

Then I started training, practicing every day. The main thing that my man-at-arms and I worried about was the man I was going to face, the very same Decimus. He had already won a tournament.

Even though we had this great relationship, he was essentially the person I began training to try to be able to fight. You can fight right hand, left hand or switch back and forth, you try to be tricky, kinky, working at all these different type of shots, such as off-speed shots, things that people don't throw, when you get to close range. In the end your opponent is so good that he catches you off guard, he has a very long sword. He's got little, short stubby arms, he's not a very big guy, but he's just very, very good. He hits hard, there's no question.

After many weeks of training, it was time for the tournament in the southern region of the Summits, the area I am in, and when I got to the site of the event, it was really warm, it was a nice day everywhere else but there. It was cold and rainy and overcast and pouring rain. My friend and I were setting up camp and it kept on pouring rain. We were known to be pretty big partyers at the devents and we usually had a lot of fun and people ha fun with us.

But now we were going to take it easy. We helped everyone set up their camps, even people that didn't have an affiliation with us. We set up camps for hours and hours in the pouring rain.

After our setting up work was done, we went to this dinner, this big meal but we were more excited about being able to get the opportunity to fight, more so than possibly winning. People hadn't seen me fight in months and months and months, so they hadn't seen my build up, what I put into training. I knew what they were thinking. Oh yeh, Turk knows what he's doing.

We had a mandatory meeting with the current prince and princess. And so we were like ok, we have to go, we have to be very formal about it. Decimus and I went to this meeting. They were asking questions of the people who were contesting for the title. This was the coronet tournament. This is where you fight for the opportunity to become Prince of the Summits or Princess of the summits. So they ask all these important questions like "What do you feel is the most important aspect of being Prince of the Summits? What do you think is the one thing that will really define what you are going to do on your reign? Really a good questions. My consort and I never really discussed this but we gave pretty similar answers.

It is service to the populace, taking care of the people under you, trying to guarantee and insure their freedom, their livelihood while you are sitting on those thrones. You're making a pledge to basically to play the game to make the people happy and to keep them happy, because if they're not, they might not play. So we really thought more about it that night. We got the meaning. We make people have a lot of fun by providing a party atmosphere to bring in those who are marginal.

We went back to our camp where there was more food. We brought our own mead and ale and stayed up incredibly too late and drank and sang around the fire and just had a great night until we remembered the fact that in the morning there was this incredible tournament.

**** * *to be continued* * ****

TRAVELOGUE

SAVING THE HONOURS OF SCOTLAND



On a trip to Scotland last August we visited the historic and awesome rock fortress of Dunnottar Castle. This site has been occupied since the fifth century and many events happened here, but one

of the most interesting, involved saving the Scottish Crown Jewels known as the Honours of Scotland. This account of that event is taken from the purchased 'Guide to Dunnottar Castle, Reflecting the History of Scotland'.

In 1650 King Charles II was crowned at Scone, Scotland. Oliver Cromwell had captured Edinburgh, thus the Honours of Scotland, (consisting of the Crown, the Scepter, and the Sword), could not be returned there. The King ordered the Honours taken under cover to Dunnottar Castle, perched on the Scottish coast, for safekeeping. A certain Mrs. Drummond, wife of a local minister, disguised herself as a peasant and rode to Dunnottar concealing the Honours in sacks of wool.

Cromwell eventually controlled most of Scotland and by 1652 Dunnottar Castle was the last remaining place that still flew the Scottish Royal Flag. After resisting an eight month-long siege, the badly damaged Castle was finally surrendered. However, Cromwell was not to gain the prize of the Honours or other of the King's personal papers. Private papers were stitched into a flat belt and smuggled out through the besieging lines by Anne Lindsay, a relative of the wife of Governor Barras of the Castle. Several versions of the story exist, the most likely is that the crown, scepter, and sword were lowered down the side of the castle to the rocky shore below where they were received by a serving woman who pretended to be gathering seaweed. Sword and scepter covered in seaweed and the crown in a fishing creel, the serving woman's mistress, a Mrs. Grainger, wife of another local minister, hid the Honours in a bed and later moved them to the Kirk where they were hidden under a



floor. Not until 1660 were the Honours of Scotland returned to Edinburgh, where they remain on display to this day.

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ADVENTURES IN READING

***Eleanor of Aquitaine and the Four Kings* (1950)** by Amy Kelly. A scholarly, researched book written in an interesting and easy to read format. The life of the mother of King Richard, the Lion-heart. Her hardy life in the 1100's spans almost a hundred years. ***The Lion in Winter* (1968)** A movie story of a Christmas in the life of Eleanor. Both are available from the Deschutes Library and amazon.com (Movie is in VHS and DVD).

(Moudrý)

NEW ***The Quest of Sir Marek, a Knight's Tale* (2015)** by Moudrý Povídkář (aka. Dennis Strachota). A Coming of Age Historical Novel. In 1234 AD, Sir Marek and friend, Sir Vít, with their squires Josef and Peter, with wolf-dog, Mishka and mentor Tendrak, the dragon, go on a quest to deliver a letter from Princess Agnes of Bohemia (Prague) to Clare of Assisi, Italia. They encounter enemies, assassins and thieves while forming new friendships. Available from author, Shire Library and amazon.com (Due out by the end of December 2015).

(Moudrý)

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A RAVEN'S YULE

The Shire of Corvaria celebrated a Yule Time Party, hosted by Ainge Inghean Ui MacSheehy and Tighearnan Cearrbach O'Faolain on Sunday December 20 at 61000 Brosterhouse Rd. from 11 am to 6 pm with games and presents for children and adults. It also included a canned/dried food drive for Bethlehem Inn. The main meal consisted of two roasted turkeys accompanied by pot-luck side dishes and elegant, tasty deserts.

Praeator Ziitos Gyorgy Turk made a short visit to our party. His presence was very much appreciated. Hopefully, he at least got a sample taste of the main course. Needless to say he missed a meal, fit for a Prince.

(Moudrý)

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ENTERTAINMENT

Tendrak Theatre



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The puppeteers, Abu Ana abd-al Azizibn Haro and Aine Inghean Ui MacSheehy, and stage manager, Jolan Mac Thaddeus, were awarded memberships by Moudrý into the Order of the Christmas Rose from the mythical, mystical, magical Duchy of Lhota in Moravia. The performances of the Czech fairytale, "The Swan Prince," were sponsored by The Tendrak Theatre with marionettes made in Praha. Stories written for adults with children in mind.

Performances were for the All Fool's Day Event on April 4, in La Pine and on June 20, 2015 for the Investiture Event celebrated at the Redmond Convention Center. (*The Tendrak Theatre is in residence at the Portland Puppet Museum - moudrý*)

A FLUTE FOR CHRISTMAS

by Moudrý

News spread throughout the duchy. Mikel, the storyteller, would be at Sir Marek's court for Christmas! It had been several months since the last storyteller was there. He would bring news from the outside world. There would be feasting, dancing, and a good time. Mikel's well-known name was bantered about the villages and castle, the excitement building for great entertainment and festivities commemorating the birth of Christ. Even though he visited many exotic places, this was the castle of his childhood friends, and they had invited him to make this his home too.

Mikel arrived Christmas Eve when all the inhabitants of Sir Marek's estates gathered for the banquet. Before the music and dancing began, a cry went up, "A story, a story, a Christmas story." Mikel stood up and the hall became quiet.

"There was and there wasn't a time when two young boys were friends. They played together, fished, and told stories of what they dreamed to be when they grew up. One wished to become a knight, the other, maybe a musician or a storyteller. They both played the flute. Although their flutes were not elegant, being made from branches of nearby Elderberry trees, they were able to produce a good tone. One boy loved to play simple melodies while the other would weave intricate accompaniments. They complimented each other's talents and became the favorite musicians in the villages. They played for many weddings and family celebrations.

One Christmas, the boy who played the simple melodies got a beautifully handcrafted flute made by an instrument maker, but when he played his new flute, it sounded no better than old one. When his friend played the new flute, it came to life and mesmerized him. So he let his friend use his new Christmas gift while he played his old flute, and they continued to enjoy making music together.

On the Feast of Epiphany, 12 days after Christmas, when the people exchanged gifts, the boy who had the new flute gave it to his friend and in return, received a handmade, fire-glazed friendship medallion. They clasped hands and pledged each other a close friendship forever.

The next day, the father of the talented flautist appeared at the giver's door and told his father that the flute was too fine an expensive a gift compared to the earthenware medallion his son had given in exchange. The flute giver's father, who knew about the exchange, thanked the flautist's father and assured him that the gifts of their sons expressed the true Christmas spirit and they were blest. After

the two grew up, one became an honored knight and married a beautiful woman. The other became a much sought-after storyteller and flautist who traveled the world. Even so, their friendship continues to deepen.”

Mikel pulled out his beautiful flute and began playing. When the knight opened his robe to get his elderberry flute, a baked clay medallion on a leather strap hung around his neck dangled in view for the briefest moment. Sir Marek joined Mikel playing the Christmas Carol, “*Narodil se Kristus pan*” (“Christ is born”).

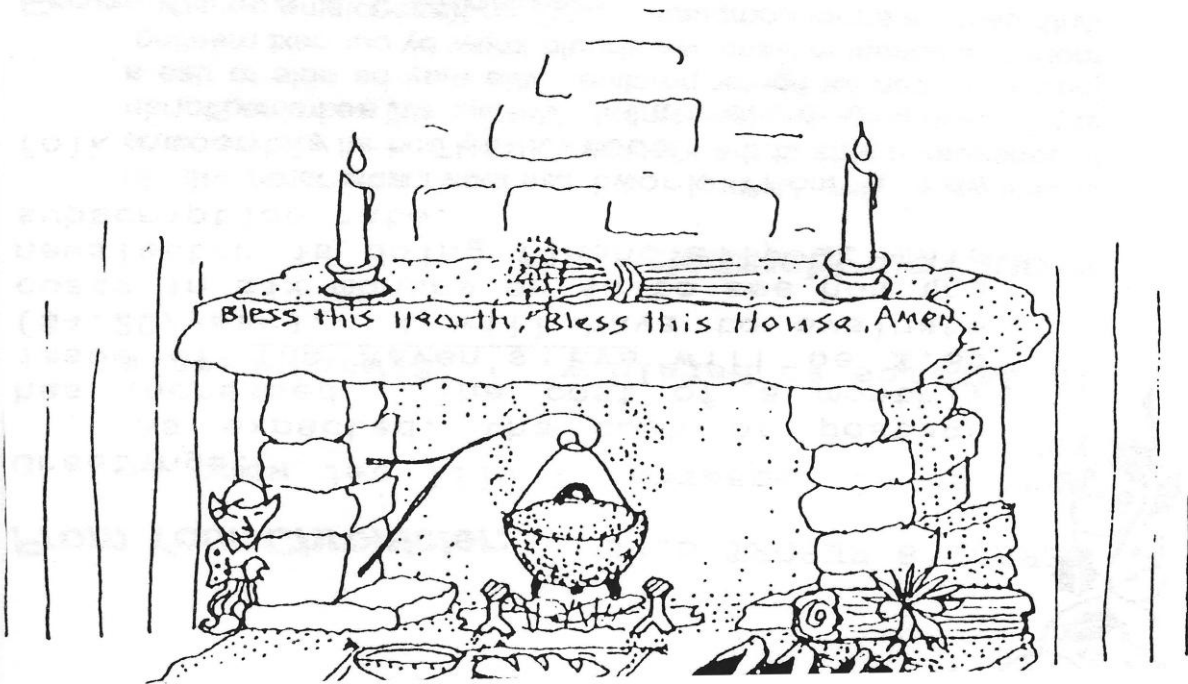
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WASSAIL

- 1 gallon apple cider
- 2 teaspoons whole cloves
- 2 teaspoons whole allspice
- 2 three-inch sticks cinnamon
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 oranges, studded with cloves

Heat cider, cloves, allspice, cinnamon and sugar to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer 20 minutes. Strain punch and pour into punch bowl. Float oranges in bowl. 32 servings



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HAPPY YULE AND CHRISTMAS TIDE 2015, AS L, to those celebrating Alban Arthurian Druidic Fire Festivals, Hanukkah, Birth of Christ and the many other winter festivities!)



Christmas Rose painted by Christine Dawson

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