

# Darkwood Drum

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## **Words from the Baron and Baroness**

Darkwood! Your castle's foundations are firmly laid, and it has withstood the test of war. Knowing our lands are fortified, we travel North to help hold the Kingdom's border, and then again to see the changing of the Royalty. Summer's heat tempers the efforts of our Ranger Candidates, but we know you are all supporting their endeavors. Fall will soon be here, returning to us our beloved college students... and it is none too early to think on projects for next year. Remember to tell us of your triumphs, as well as those things you may need support in.

Yours In Service, Jared, Baron & Brid, Hlaefdige, Darkwood

## **Words from the Darkwood Seneschal, Lucius Cassius Marius**

Greetings unto the Barony of Darkwood,

The castle was a great hit at Mists/Cynagua War. The fighters (archers, rapiers, and heavies) from the Barony made an outstanding showing and helped represent in all three guards. Thanks to Baron Jared, Hlaefdige Brid, and Rory for streamlining the operation to reconstruct the castle, as well as all of the populace who participated at the various work days. The efforts of all show to the known world the absolute heart of Darkwood! There is no need to say anything else, you all rock!

## **Baronial Meeting Dates for 2015**

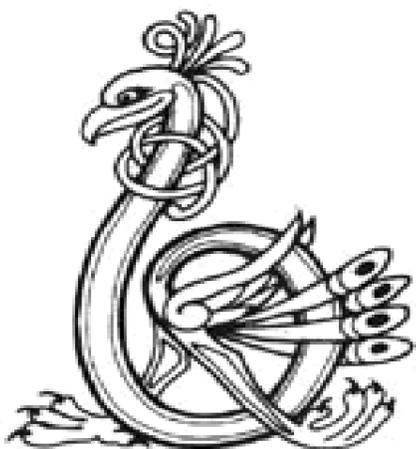
Monday, July 13 at 7pm—Canton of Caer Darth  
300 Harvey West Blvd., Santa Cruz (this is a business meeting room not a restaurant, food & drink are welcome at the site—please plan accordingly)

Monday, September 14 at 7pm-Canton of MdR

Monday, November 9 at 7pm-Canton of Hawks Haven



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## **Baronial Meetings for 2016**

January—Canton of Caer Darth

March—Canton of MdR

May—Canton of Hawks Haven

July—Canton of Caer Darth

September—Canton of MdR

November—Canton of Hawks Haven



## **The Tale of a Castle by Lord Rory Jamesson**

In the time when Darkwood was still young, Darkwood was known for its strong and able fighters. They defended the honor and beauty of Darkwood and the West from those near and far. Alas a weakness was seen. Darkwood had no place to protect those who could not fight or its bountiful harvest for the cold/wet winters. It was soon decreed by Baron Wilhelm that a castle be built. It was to be strong and mighty with room for all.

In short a Castle came to be. By day shouts of “Death from Above” could be heard above the clash of battle. By night the glow of candles through its glass panes could be seen as those honored took words of wisdom and thought.

But alas time and weather took its toll till one day its glory was but a memory. The Castle was soon covered in vines and bushes with its location almost lost so well hidden it had become. Several times valiant attempts were made to recover this great treasure. With great sadness none were successful.

Hope was waning their Excellencies, Jared and Brid, decreed that the Castle will be found and resurrected. Great excitement was seen. YES IT SHALL BE! In no time at all the Castle was found. Time had taken its toll. How much could be saved? Very little was found to be. The cries of let’s rebuild were heard from far and wide. A site was found near the sea. It is known by MIRA. Plans were made. Materials found. Soon the sound of hammers filled the air. With much sweat and tears, laughter and fun foundations were laid and stone by stone the walls sprang forth toward the sky. A deadline was set. Whiteshield it will be. Many said it was way too fast. IT CANT BE DONE. Their Excellencies said, “YES IT CAN!” and so it shall be. With the help of many. Darkwood made the day. It was a day celebration, and feast.

Not long after the rumors of an invasion came to the Mists. The Castle was to be put to the test. It was not raiders from afar but our inland brothers looking for land to the sea. Would it hold? Yes it would! To the sound of metal hitting metal and cries of “Death from Above” the Castle held as Cynagua attacked time and again. At the end of the day a truce was reached and a feast was had.

To the delight of all the Darkwood Castle shines bright once more. There is much more to be done. The inside to be finished to shine like the outside, exterior walls to be strengthened, siege weapons to be built, and the Castles Wagon to be rebuilt. Days will be found a notice put forth.



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## Baronial Awards given at WhiteShield

### **Oak of Service**

Constantinus Puteus Germanicus

### **Oak of War**

Constantinus Puteus Germanicus

### **Baroness\'s Champion**

Rory Jamesson

### **Baroness's Favor**

Anna Von Darnaburk

Aesa Uthersdottir

### **Toil of Esteem**

Charles Stone

Tara Stone

Caitlin of St. David

Sabrina Goldbender

Frederick de Cathcart

Salina De La Serna

### **Coil of Esteem**

Rhys ap Gethin

Teagin of Hawks Haven (Teagin Holmquist)

Kaisa Turkuinen

### **Warden of Darkwood**

Phoenix House

Juan Santiago

Rose De La Mons

Ghislaine d'Auxerre

Rory Jamesson

Maxen ap Morgan

### **Baronial Champion**

Hans Graf von Wolfholz

### **White Shield Champion**

HRM Miles Fitz-Rauf

### **Rapier Champion—White Shield**

Salina De La Serna

## Stronghold

Juan Santiago, Bard of The Oak

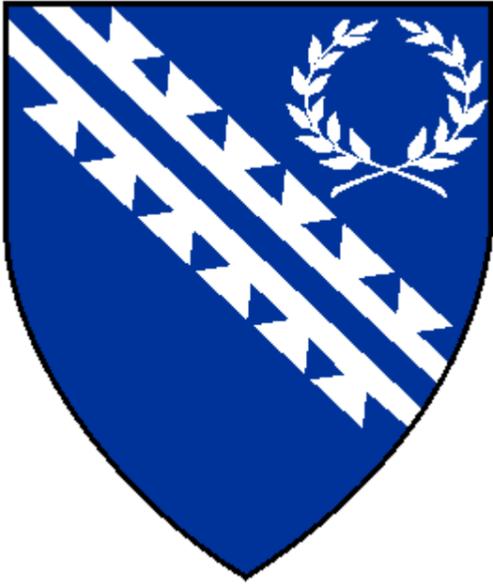
Foundation built sturdy and strong  
with walls raised by the early dawn  
Sun shines through tinted glass  
brings back the image passed

An entrance barred by sturdy gate  
lined with soldiers in armored plate  
Arrow flies from tower tall  
in answer to battles call

Stands now ready for battle  
The mighty Darkwood Castle  
Raised from ruin by devoted hands  
myth returned to Darkwood lands



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Congratulations to the most recent graduates from the College of St. David's (UC Santa Cruz)!!! May your futures be full of wondrous adventures and know that you always have a home here in Darkwood.

Jessica Reyes



Caitlin Giddings



June Crown Recap—The Kingdom has Heirs. Congratulations to Miles and Ariela.

Congratulations also go out to His Excellency, Jared Galen, Baron of Darkwood who was presented with the Wreath of Chivalry in evening court.

### **“SAVE THE DATE”**

**Tuesday, September 22nd**—College of St. David’s OPERS Faire. Activities start at 3pm and go until 6pm. This is the big membership push for the college group. More details will be posted by the group closer to the date.

#### **Words from the Darkwood Chronicler**

Greeting Darkwood! I hope you are enjoying this issue of the Darkwood Drum. I want to talk about a subject that plagues most of us, **Event Information**. This has always been a challenging item in the SCA, especially for those that do not subscribe to the Page. With all the rules governing what can and cannot be reprinted/reposted, we here in Darkwood are going to try an experiment. Since the chronicler email address is gmail based, we have decided to dedicate the calendar for posting Kingdom, Principality, and Baronial event dates, Canton meeting, Arts & Science nights, fighter practices, etc. for everyone to view. Some of the listings will have links to websites and/or Facebook pages that will give you additional information, which will keep us in compliance with all the posting regulations. If you wish to have something posted to the calendar just send me an email. It is my hope that all seneschals will send me their event information and local activities so that the calendar can be kept as current as possible. Below is the link to the calendar. If you have issues viewing it, please let me know.

[Barony of Darkwood Google Calendar](#)

Other additions to the Drum will be **“Save the Date”** (an area where an event that is happening months away can be showcased so everyone can mark it on their calendars), **Job Openings** (this area will post officer position that are either open or are looking for a successor, deputies needed, and even autocrats can post for assistance at an event), and **For Sale** (the populace can list items they are selling or giving away that are SCA related, just remember that the Drum will only be published quarterly). Send your information to [dwchronicler@gmail.com](mailto:dwachronicler@gmail.com).

As always, to make the Drum great I need your artwork, bardic pieces, pictures, stories, and event information. The Drum will be published quarterly (end of March, June, September, and December) so there are many opportunities to have your items included.

Yours in Service,

Norinna O’Shaughnessy

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Meetings – Every other month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7pm, location varies (rotates between local groups). Contact the Seneschal or check FB or Yahoo Group for more information.

Fighter Practice – Location/date/time varies. Contact the Marshal for more information.

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Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7pm, 1190 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Santa Cruz (Yacht Harbor Manor Mobilehome Park Club House). Contact the Seneschal or check FB or Yahoo Group for more information.

Fighter Practice – Every Thursday from 6:30pm-9pm at the Galleria Parking Structure (River & Front Street) in downtown Santa Cruz on the top floor. More information on the Facebook page – CaerDarth Fighter Practice

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A&S Meeting/Project Night – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month, 7pm located at MIRA, 200 8<sup>th</sup> St, Marina, CA 93933

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