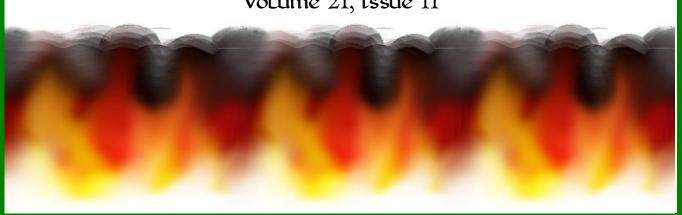
The Barony of Sacred Stone Presents



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Winter Solstice - Murder in the Dead of Winter

December 15, 2007 Barony of Sacred Stone

Good friends, on this day in the year 1547 in Venice Italy, you are cordially invited to join us for a wedding celebration! The well-to-do family has laid on an amazing day of festivities, highlighted by a feast guaranteed to delight, prepared by His Grace Duke Lucius Aurelius Valharic. Unfortunately, this happy day is destined to be marred by murder(s) most foul!

But this wedding is more than a stage play, and you dear friends are more than celebrants. We are counting on you to answer the age old questions "Whodunit?" and "why"? At the end of the afternoon, each guest will be asked to fill out a sheet of paper describing their interpretation of the mystery, and who the culprit(s) is(are). After evaluating the detectives' work, the murderer(s) will be hauled off in chains to face the King's Justice, and the detective who solved the crime most correctly will win a prize.

The meal and murder will start promptly at 1 pm. Feast gear will be provided. In addition to the wedding feast, courtly activities will include gaming in the morning and a masked ball to celebrate the (we hope!) happy nuptials after dinner. For the occasion, handcrafted masks will be made available for sale through the day, with proceeds going to charity (in the spirit of the Season).

For dietary concerns, please contact His Grace at valharic@hotmail.com

The Mistress of Murder is Viscountess Jeanmaire Ilaria Beatrice du Domremy.

Attendance restrictions: Due to the focused nature of this event, attendance is limited to the first 80 gentles who

pre-register. So, please plan to register quickly in order to reserve a space!

Cost:		
Member:	Non-Member:	Child (0-2):
\$10.00	\$13.00	\$ 0.00

Make Checks Payable To: Barony of Sacred Stone, SCA, Inc.

Cost Notes: Parents please note that there is no discount for children over the age of 2. There is no additional charge for feast, as the feast (and murder) are the primary activities of the day.

Site: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2575 Parkway Dr., Winston-Salem, NC, 27103. The site will open at 10 am and close at 8 pm.

Site Restrictions: No pets except service animals, no firearms, smoking only in designated areas.

Autocrat:

Reservations:

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Directions:

From 40 West: At exit 206, take ramp RIGHT to I-40 Business. Take exit 3A RIGHT toward Knollwood St. Turn LEFT onto Knollwood St. Turn LEFT onto Parkway Dr. Parkway ends at the church.

From 40 East: Merge onto I-40 BR E / US-421 S via EXIT 188 on the LEFT toward Winston-Salem. Take the Knollwood St. exit- EXIT 3A.

Turn RIGHT onto Knollwood St. Turn LEFT onto Parkway Dr. Parkway ends at the church.

From The Coronets of Sacred Stone:

Unto the populace of Sacred Stone do we, Marc and Alianor, send greetings.

Good people. Words cannot even begin to convey the pride we have in each and every one of you. Baroness Rozsa, you put together a group of the most dedicated and hard working individuals and made War of the Wings II a wonderful day full of excitement and joy, and resulting in a great many blissful memories. Thank you all.

To all the people who came out and supported the event, we thank you deeply, as well. It was as beautiful a day as anyone could have asked for. Everyone who attended enjoyed themselves, and I think came away with a new friend, a new accomplishment, or a new (or renewed) desire of something to try their hand at. That in of itself made it not a war but a gathering of friends.

To those who defended Sacred Stone, be by means service, martial or artistic, we owe you a debt of gratitude as well. Many were disheartened by the numbers of the opposition, but as we said in procession, it is the quality and the heart of the people who stood by us, that are the true prize. No matter what the final outcome may have been, you were the champions. You are the ones with the heart and the will to preserve what you each believe the Dream to be. You each safeguarded it with the heart, the will and the ferocity of the Spartans themselves. VIVAT to the people of Sacred Stone and her Allies.

I, Alianor, have some specific thanks that I must make. To the "Oppressed Pressers" (Mistresses Susanna, Jessamyn and Louise, and all of those who were recruited into the sweat-shop of favors). To Mistress Sine, and the beautiful "Ladies of Taylorwood" for the beautiful pennons and banners. To all of the wonderful people who donated handmade items to the gift baskets and the delicacies for the hospitality. To Lady Miriel for coming and spending a day full of art and fun (and a little bit of glass frustration *lol*), it was a much needed diversion. To our fantastic household for supporting us so we could run around with less worry and more purpose. Most of all, I have to thank Lord Jonathan Blackbow. Many knew I was ill, the week prior, but few knew to what extent. Jonathan made sure that there were many people tagged to assist in every little thing (and one very large one), and most of all to make sure I could actually enjoy the event with less stress. I pray that I have left no one out, but hope you all know that each offer of aid, each hand given in assistance, each hug of support are appreciated more than I will ever have enough time or space to properly. Thank you. Thank you all.

The coming weeks and months will be quite busy. Crown Tournament, Unevent, Winter Solstice, and 12th Night to just name a few. We look forward to seeing you all, in our travels. For those who will be itinerant beyond our borders, for the Holiday season, we wish you and yours safety and comfort as you traverse the countryside to the warmth and love of kith and kin. As we begin the Holidays, know that we are thankful for each of you, the love that emits from this Barony, and the gift of friendship of family and friends. My you each be blessed as we have been.

With gratitude and love we remain, Marc and Alianor

From the Knight's Marshal of Sacred Stone:

Greetings to the People of Sacred Stone.

I would like to say Thanks you to the People of our Barony learning Combat Archery and Siege Weaponry. We have many wars on the horizon. Variety of warriors is great for the Kingdom's war efforts.

In addition to the kingdom's war effort is that of Baronial practice. It would be great to have all of these warriors on the field contributing to the Baronial Fighter practice.

War of the Wings was my last event as Marshal In Charge for the next few months. We need more Marshals in this Barony. Please volunteer, we need you.

Baron Achbar Ibn Ali





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