

# The Crane's Call

Shire of Caer Dun May 2023 LVIII





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# MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <b>Fighter Practice</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <b>Fighter Practice</b>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <b>Fighter Practice</b>	22	23	24 <b>Business Meeting</b>	25	26	27
28 <b>Fighter Practice</b>	29	30	31	1	2	3

HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES: 5: CINCO DE MAYO, 14: MOTHER'S DAY, 29: MEMORIAL DAY





**May 19th – 21st**

# **Gleann Abhann Spring Crown List**



**Magnolia Events  
969 Magnolia Road  
Lumberton, 39455**





# Seneschal & Knights Marshal

Greetings populace. April was a good month. We've seen many improvements. We've gathered new members. And we've had some great social time and activities. Our Regional Equestrian had some April showers that limited Equestrian activity, but our Champion Tournament went off great. Congrats to Inigo De Castilla on his victory! Many thanks to Maiôsara Azparou for hosting us. The fighting was awesome. Fighter practices have been great too. I'm really enjoying the added social activities we've had there. I hope they continue. We'll continue having the practices every weekend. I look forward to seeing everyone at our gatherings as well as Crown Tournament this month. Stay safe and see you all soon!

YIS Ld Karsas Sarmatae called Talan  
Seneschal and Knight Marshal  
Shire of Caer Dun





# CHRONICLER

**Greetings Shire. Well this is my last newsletter. I have enjoyed putting this out each month but now I move on to other endeavors. Please welcome Adelaide (Karisa Jones) to the position and give her all the support you can.**

**The Chronicler always needs articles, images, poems, artwork and all kinds of stuff. Please help out your newsletter!**

**Thanks for a wonderful 2 years!**

**Baron Devin ODonnabhain  
Chronicler**





# Arts & Sciences

**Greetings all. It has been decided that We will make a new silk banner for the populace. This will be a group project. I will donate the silk and all other supplies. Please watch your newsletter and the FB group for a date and time.**

**If there are any other skills you would like to learn, please contact me.**

**Best regards,  
Baroness Bailey Rose Marsh  
Caer Dun A&S Officer**







# HONEY ROASTED CHICKEN

## What you will need:

- 1 Whole Chicken
- 1 Tbs Olive Oil or Butter
- Salt and Pepper to taste

## For the Sauce:

- 1/2 Cup Apple Cider Vinegar
  - 1/3 Cup Honey
  - Tsp of Mint, Dried or Fresh
- Handful of Raisins. White or Black
  - 1 Tbs. Butter

**Rub the chicken down with olive oil or butter and salt & pepper. This will make the skin crispy and delicious. Cook for an hour in a 450 degree oven, or until the juices run clear, and the thick meat of the breast is no longer pink.**

**While your chicken is roasting, combine all sauce ingredients in saucepan and simmer until the raisins plump and reduces slightly. Remove from heat. When the chicken is done, spread the sauce and raisins over the bird.**



# **Medieval Elderberry Cheesecake**

## **THE CRUST**

**(Based on a recipe from Matt Adlard -  
• • Perfect Pastry - ..)**

## **INGREDIENTS**

**2 Sticks of Unsalted Butter**

**3/4 cup Icing Sugar**

**6 Egg Yolks**

**1 3/4 cup Plain Flour**

**A Pinch of Salt**

**Optional: A tsp of vanilla paste or lemon zest**

## **METHOD**

**Sift icing sugar into stand mixer with cubed butter. Beat until smooth.**

**Add egg yolks and beat until incorporated.**

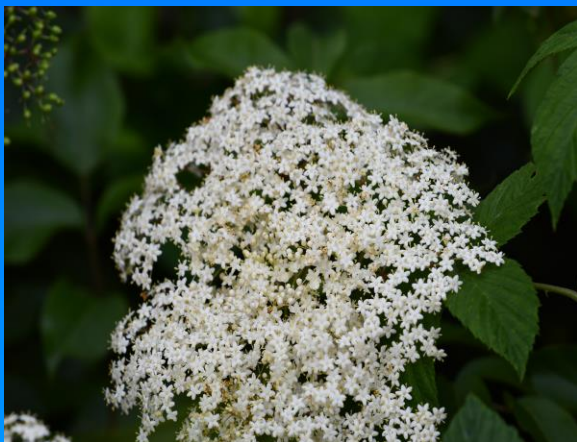
**Add salt and flour and beat on low until just combined into a loose, crumbly dough.**

**Divide dough into two parts and roll each out between two pieces of parchment until  $\frac{1}{8}$  -  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick.**

**Chill for 20 minutes**



# THE FILLING



**4 Tbsp Heavy Cream**

**3/4 cup Sugar**

**2 Tbsp Dried Breadcrumbs**

**6 Egg Whites**

**3 Tbsp Dried Elderflower OR 6 Tbs Fresh Elderflower**

**1 3/4 cup Fresh Cheese (or Farmer's Cheese or Ricotta)**

## METHOD

**Bake pie pastry at 425F for 10 minutes. Let cool.**

**Soak elderflowers in heavy cream for 10 minutes.**

**Push cheese through a strainer with the back of a spoon.**

**Combine cheese, breadcrumbs and elderflower-cream mixture.**

**Add sugar and beat until smooth.**

**Fold in stiff egg whites.**

**Pour mixture into cooled pastry crust.**

**Bake at 375F for 50 minutes or until just set in the middle.**

**Turn off heat and allow to cool in oven with door open for 15 minutes.**









# Saint Thomas Becket aka Thomas à Becket

In anger sometimes the word we say can have the deepest impact. What one person's words, especially one that has a very deep authorization to others can lead others down the rabbit hole to tragedy and murder. If King Henry's anger was taken differently would Thomas Becket be considered a Saint today?



Thomas Becket was born to Norman parents December 21, 1118. As an adult he was described as a tall and slim figure of a man with dark hair who was easily excitable. He had an excellent memory and loved to debate with others. He was quite easy to get along with but very pertinacious. He led a very chaste life uninfluenced by others including King Henry II.





He started his education at Merton Priory and finished his education in Paris, France. His mother who died when he was only 21 was a deep influence into his life. His first job as an adult was as a city clerk and accountant to the sheriff department. His father introduced him to Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury and from that introduction developed a deep connection and was considered one of the Archbishop's agents. Thomas Becket was then sent to Bolana and Auxerre to study civil and canon law.





1154 was a turning point in Thomas Becket's life. It started with being appointed archdeacon of Canterbury by the Archbishop as a reward for his services. He was then appointed chancellor only three months later to King Henry II. Thomas Becket became a confidant to King Henry II and one to which King Henry II turned to for advice and help. This was not only for matters in court but also in matters dealing with the church. Even though Thomas Becket was not born into the royal lifestyle, he acted with intelligence and dignity. That is not to say that he did not enjoy the spoils for which he was given his position. He was constantly surrounded with the richness of clothing and furnishings and after becoming the "King's Man" started to neglect his archdeaconry duties which he refused to surrender.





In 1161 Archbishop Theobald passed away and King Henry II was ready to step in and take complete control over the Catholic Church as King Henry I had done. He wanted to put Thomas Becket in the archbishop position so that his plan would be complete. His thought was that as Thomas Becket was a “King’s Man” he would have no issue with issuing complete control. Thomas Becket, however, tried to dissuade King Henry II and the seat was vacant for almost a year after the archbishop’s death.



Thomas Becket was elected to as the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162 and devoted his life to the Church. He changed everything about his previous lifestyle much to the displeasure of King Henry II and instead turned all of his energy into his spiritual obligations.





After King Henry II returned from Normandy in January 1163 was when things really heated up between the two. Thomas Becket was trying to help lead a protest against a new tax proposal as well as excommunicate a leading baron. Also, Thomas Becket was arguing with King Henry about the fact that when a church clerk was found guilty of a wrongdoing, that the church should be the one to degrade their position and punish them. King Henry II wanted the clerks to be punished in his courts and so they would be punished twice.



King Henry II was under the belief that the church was full of criminals and clerks were not being held to the standards they should. This was also another way of King Henry II to insert his authority into the church and take over command. Even if Archbishop Thomas Becket was not correct in his stance, this was not looked on kindly by the church. In Wiltshire on January 1164, King Henry II demanded his right to punish criminal clerks as well as forbidding any excommunication of royals, and if there was any vacant seats in his kingdom, would give him the revenues from said seats and the power behind the seats. This was known as the Constitutions of Clarendon which Thomas Becket verbally accepted.



After the Archbishop left, he changed his mind and reached out to Pope Alexander III for support. After Archbishop Thomas Becket revoked his support, King Henry II summoned him to a trial. King Henry the II was intending to ruin and imprison or make Thomas Becket resign from his Archbishop position. King Henry II had the support of several bishops. Instead Thomas Becket fled to France and took refuge with Louis VII.





Thomas Becket was in exile from November 2, 1164 until December 2, 1170 and lived in Pontigny Abbey and then at an abbey with Sens. King Henry II during the exiled, seized all the properties that was under the control of the archbishop and any properties from supporters of Thomas Becket. He also exiled any close relatives of Thomas Becket. There were several attempts at reconciliation, however the damage had been done. Thomas Becket no longer trusted King Henry II and the king in turn hated the archbishop.







On December 29, 1162 four knights overheard King Henry II murderous talking about Archbishop Thomas Becket. They in turn forced their way into the cathedral and after Thomas Becket refused to absolve the bishops that were in trouble, cut him down with their swords. He accepted his death in defense of the church. His tomb was sought after by pilgrims and Pope Alexander III canonized Thomas Becket in 1173. King Henry II was absolved of any wrongdoing after doing penance in 1174.





## Shire of Caer Dun Champions Tourney





# Pictures by Maiosara Azparou









# Pictures by Bailey Rose Marsh









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# Meeting Places

**\*Please note that the month of May might have changes for Fighter Practice. Please see the Calendar on page 4\***

**Business Meeting; Held the 4th Wednesday of every month at Aunt Jenny's Catfish Restaurant, 1217 Washington Ave. Ocean Springs, MS. Meeting begins at 6:30 pm.**

**Fighter Practice; Held every Sunday. Check calendar for dates and the Shire Facebook page for any updates. Fighter Practice is held at Lum Cumbest Park, 18417 MS-613, Moss Point, MS. 39562**



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