

In Vino Veritas

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Right Noble Brewers Guild of Caid

Winter 2009

From the Guildmaster

It has been an honor serving as Guildmaster for the past two years. The knowledge of how to brew has flowed freely. Caid is now home to a plethora of Brew Days, contests and tastings. We have had some impressive displays at Festivals of the Rose. Each quarter we share something new.

The Brewing Contest at Great Western War went splendidly. We had the largest number of entries to date. I predict that next year's contest will be even better.

A full set of Judging classes are being planned 2010. Learning to judge different kinds of brews is not only fun but will eventually improve your brewing skills. You will learn different ways to analyze the colors, aromas and flavors of your meads, wine, beers, cordials, vinegars, syrups and any other drinks that you make.

It is now time to hand over the office to a new person. They will lead the Guild in new and exciting directions.

As I always say, "Here, try this!" I am looking forward to having a bit more free time to try my hand at some new recipes.

Master Donal O'Brien, OL
Guildmaster of the Right Noble Brewers Guild

Regional Branches

- The Inland Empire Branch includes the Shire of Heatherwyne and the Barony of Dreiburgen.
- The Angels Branch includes the Barony of Angels.
- The Dun Or Branch includes the Barony of Dun Or.
- The Over the Hill Branch includes the Shire of Wintermist.
- The Lyondemere Branch includes the Barony of Lyondemere.

Brewers' Guild Council

The Guildmaster is Master Donal O'Brien
The Scribe/Chronicler is currently vacant
The Secretary is the Honorable Lady Ingilborg Sigmundardottir
The Exchequer is Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios
The Dun Or Branchmaster is currently vacant
The Dun Or BranchScribe is currently vacant
The Inland Empire Branchmaster is Baroness Jeanne Marie Lacroix
The Inland Empire BranchScribe is currently vacant
The Over the Hill Branchmaster is currently vacant.
The Over the Hill BranchScribe is currently vacant.
The Angels Branchmaster is currently vacant
The Angels BranchScribe is currently vacant

The Lyondemere Branchmaster is Lord Maximillian d'Erembourg
The Lyondemere BranchScribe is currently vacant
Masterbrewer Master Timotheus Zacharia
Grandmasterbrewer Master Atar Bahkter
The Crown of Caid

Electing a New Guildmaster

From the Charter of the Right Noble Brewers Guild of Caid:

The Guildmaster shall be elected from among the Journeymen, of one or more years experience at this rank, Masters and Grandmasters for a term of two years. No consecutive terms shall be allowed. The Guildmaster shall be the chief executive officer of the Guild and shall, subject to the control of the Brewer's Council, supervise and control the affairs of the Guild and the activities of the officers.

The list of eligible Journeymen includes:

Donal O'Brien
Jeanne Marie Lacroix
Linda Del Lago
Lynnette de Sandoval
Marya Novgorodskaya
Reinhardt Medebruer
Sigmund Svertingsson
Therese of the White Griffin

Reinhardt Medebruer has announced his interest in holding the office of Guildmaster.

If you are a member of the Right Noble Brewers Guild of Caid, please email your vote for Reinhardt as the next Guildmaster to Master Donal (masterdonal1250 AT yahoo DOT com).

Results will be announced at Walking the Boards in January.

Walking the Boards

Walking the Boards - January 2, 2010

Date: Saturday, January 2, 2010

Where: Baroness Jeanne Marie's house in Heatherwyne. For directions, contact her (jm_public AT charter DOT net) or Master Donal (masterdonal1250 AT yahoo DOT com).

When: The house opens at 8AM, classes 9-10, Guild meeting 10-11, lunch 11-12, judging/tasting 12-?, dinner about 5PM (there may be more classes during the judging). There will likely be many items entered for judging, so the classes and Guild meeting will be running on real time, not SCA time.

Walking the Boards is the first meeting of the year for the Right Noble Brewers Guild of Caid. There will be classes, tasting/judging, and a potluck feast.

The Guild is providing a ham and turkey. Everyone is asked to bring a snack or side dish that will serve 6-8 people. Everyone is asked to bring feast gear (if possible; Jeanne Marie has offered to provide for anyone who can't bring their own feast gear -or forgets it).

There is dessert contest with a prize for the best use of alcohol in a dessert.

Seating is limited. Please bring a chair suitable for use indoors.

For those interested, there will be a gift exchange. All gifts should be brewing related; there is a \$20 limit.

Classes are to be determined. Please let Jeanne Marie or Donal know you are attending so the appropriate classes can be arranged.

Crash space is available for anyone who would prefer not to drive home after the event. Crash space is also available Friday evening.

There is no site fee. Garb is encouraged but not required.

ALLERGY ALERT: There are two cats in the house.

'But a wee dram'

Due a poor harvest in 1555, the Scottish Parliament decreed that grain should only be used for 'baking bread and the brewing of ale and aqua vitae'. In 1579, the Scottish Parliament decreed that 'no person sal mak, brew, nor sell ony aquavitie frae the 1st day of December approach till October 1580, under pain of confiscation of aquavitie and breking of the haill lowmes of the makaris, brewaris, and stellaris thair of. But every lord of barony, or gentleman or others of such degree may brew and stell aquavitie off thair own malt and stuff in thair own house for thair own friends.'

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