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## THE SHIRE OF CAER ADAMANT

### February 2006

<http://www.caer-adamant.org>  
Azure, on a pale vert fimbriated  
between two laurel wreaths a sword Or.



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**Next Meeting Sunday, February 12; 1 p.m.**

Attending: Valentina, Kael, Hedewigis, Krey, Tomaloc, Kateline, Ravenild, Padraig, Serena, Marietta, Francis

Called to Order at 1:20 pm

**From the Seneschal, Baroness Valentina Barrows:** The Yule Gathering after the Shire Meeting was attended by over 30 people with guests from Iron Bog and Barren Sands. We had a lot of GREAT food and it appeared that everyone really enjoyed themselves.

The Fourth Quarter Seneschal report was submitted on 12/22/05. A New Member List was supplied by the Southern Region Deputy Seneschal. There were 91 paid members on the list which excludes 2 who are suspended. Of that, 60 are active in some capacity (events, monthly activities, etc.) and known to members while approximately 25-30 of that 60 being very active (most meetings, events, monthly activities, etc.).

**From the Exchequer: Lord Mikael "Kael" McCue:** The balance of the Shire account is \$2,619.53. The Quarterly Report is due February 15, 2006.

**From the Herald, Lady Marietta da Firenze:** Submitted Lady Hedewigis' arms and device. Lady Kateline will be her deputy. Heraldic Titles for this office will be presented at the February Shire Meeting.

**From the Chatelaine, Lady Hedewigis Ockenfuß:** The Quarterly Report will be submitted later today and copied to the Seneschal. Arrangements to acquire Gold Key are still being attempted. New contacts, in person or by email, were Valerie and Ed Ruck, Leslie and John Barnes (who will be arriving from the Barony of al-Barron in the Outlands). Bran O'Moraine touched base (he is in Utah).

**From the Minister of Arts & Sciences, Lord Jehan Yves de Chateau Thierry:** No report.

**From the Chronicler, Baroness Valentina Barrows:** Still looking for someone to assume this office.

**From the Webminister: Lady Marietta da Firenze:** Would like to encourage submission of web profiles for the Caer Adamant website. Keep in mind there is no particular format and be as much or as little information as you wish. She will not post any till she has at least 5.

**From the Knight Marshall: Lord Krey MacLeod:** Indoor practices on hold til site is found. Will hold outdoor practices as weather permits. 3 youths (8-18) interested in youth fighting. Need youth fighter marshall.

See the [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sca\\_caer\\_adamant\\_fighters](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sca_caer_adamant_fighters) list for the most recent discussion on this issue.

## **Old Business:**

Cooking Guild: no report

Cooking Thing II: On Track; Jehan Yves getting more classes and instructors; another call for instructors has gone out; Hedewigis will send out event announcements to all locals. There are 5 hotels within 2.5 mile drive. A & S Populace Display to be coordinated by Lady Serena. Members of the church interested in attending. Friday night set up will start at 6-7 p.m. Tokens are being cast by Serena and Valentina.

Spring Thing, April 29: On track; announcement has been posted on EK list. Targets are being discussed.

The Bear Library will be contacted to arrange for the Shire Meetings which will resume on Tuesdays beginning in March. More information at February Shire Meeting.

Finance Committee as needed. It consists of all officers minus the office of the Herald who voluntarily withdrew to create an odd number.

## **New Business:**

Swamp Thing: Bid Proposal submitted by Lady Marietta and Lord Tomaloc for the weekend of September 1 – 3, 2006 with the theme being the Battle of Hastings, 1066, Bayeux Embroidery ; unanimously approved.

Suggested By Law Change: 2 year Officer Terms: a lengthy discussion was held on this topic with many pros and cons. As the active base of the Shire populace grows, there appears to be more people who are willing to commit to a 2 year office. In doing so, Deputies would be strongly encouraged to share any work load to avoid burn out and to step forward when personal demands require that the primary officer step back. Cons discussed included those who were more willing to commit to an office when it was a “year at a time” commitment, and recalled the past lack of involvement which required terms to be changed from 2

year to 1 year. Further, what do you do with an officer who is not doing the job. It was pointed out that the By-Laws cover removal of an officer if the need is there. It was also pointed out the Shire seems to be “turning a page” in terms of growth and positive attitudes and that we need to be willing to move forward to make sure it continues. This will be open for discussion again in February.

Archery Captain: The need and desire for an Archery Captain was discussed. 4 of the 6 Shire Archery Marshalls were present for the discussion. There have been no significant delays in reporting nor of any person not receiving appropriate recognition for skill. All Marshalls are responsible for submitting scores and following up on awarding badges for appropriate skill levels. The end result of the discussion was that there was no need for an Archery Captain at this time.

### **Demos:**

Lady Serena will be handling arrangements for demos. Please contact her with any requests in which you need assistance. Dover Days is May 6, 2006 and more information will be forthcoming to the Shire and surrounding groups. The Corbit Calloway Library is interested in a demo, and contact will be made after the meeting.

The Church of the Ascension in Clay is holding a medieval themed youth activity tonight. While this is last minute, anyone who wishes to participate please contact Francis or myself. I believe that Lord Alain and at least 2 other fencers from Bhakail plan to be there.

Adjourned: 2:52 p.m.

## **Quote of the Month**

Calm debate can be a political thing if through that means the parties involved can choose and implement a positive course of action as an outcome.

-- Baron Durr

## Web Wanderings

Greetings, my Faithful Readers!

This week, I am shy of inspiration. Turning to my trusted advisor, my husband Gilbert, I asked for a topic to research. "Magyars," he said, "Islam, Medieval Musical Instruments, Castles." "Nope," I replied, "I've done those."

"How about Slavs?" Dutifully I entered 'Medieval Slavs' into a search engine. Very little of quality turned up. Clearly I needed other terms, and frankly, my brain hurt. "Here's one: The Mongol Rus. How about the Golden Horde?" And lo and behold, the hits kept coming. Therefore this Links List is about that fascinating organization, which managed to be the largest land-based oligarchy in the history of this planet.

This Links List is dedicated to two of my best friends, who both passed away one right after the other in the last month: my tortoise shell calico, Animas, age 15, and my beagle, Samwise, age 14 1/2. I am really going to miss them. May they be ruling their own Horde in heaven.

Cheers

Aoife

Dame Aoife Finn of Ynos Mon  
Riverouge  
Endless Hills  
Aethelemarc

Khanate of the Golden Horde

<http://www.accd.edu/sac/history/keller/Mongols/states3.html>

(Site Excerpt) The origins of the name Golden Horde are uncertain. Some scholars believe that it refers to the camp of Batu and the later rulers of the Horde. In Mongolian, Altan Orda refers to the golden camp or palace. Altan (golden) was also the color connoting imperial status. Other sources mention that Batu had a golden tent, and it is from this that the Golden Horde received its name.

Early Mongol Coins of the Crimea

<http://horde.charm.ru/>

Columbia Encyclopedia: Golden Horde, Empire of the

<http://www.bartleby.com/65/go/GoldenHE.html>

(Site Excerpt) Under the Empire of the Golden Horde, the Russian principalities

retained their own rulers and internal administration. However, they were tributaries of the khan, who confirmed princely succession and exacted exorbitant taxes. Until the disintegration of the Mongol empire (14th cent.) the khans themselves were under the suzerainty of the great khan at Karakorum.

The Mongols and the Emergence of Moscow

<http://www.geographia.com/russia/rushis03.htm>

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Mongolians test alien idea: Privatizing the land

<http://www.iht.com/articles/2005/05/26/news/mongol.php>

(Site Excerpt) Despite the reputation for violent acquisitiveness that Mongolians acquired when Genghis Khan and the Golden Horde forged the world's greatest land empire in the 12th and 13th centuries, Mongolia developed as a communal land-sharing system long before capitalists and Communists clashed over the principles of property and ownership.

GOLDEN HORDE (SHAYBANID)

<http://users.rcn.com/j-roberts/gol.htm>

(Site Excerpt) The Golden Horde consisted of two main divisions. The Blue Horde, which descended from Batu Khan, grandson of Genghis, dominated in the first half of the 14th Century and the White Horde, which descended from Batu's brother Orda, played a significant role in the latter part of the century.

"Olen-Kolodetz" - A Golden Horde aristocrat's burial . . . The Male Burial

<http://www.redkaganate.org/martial/armour/olenkldz.shtml>

(Site Excerpt) Although they were first mentioned in an archeological map by L.M. Savelov in 1902, they hadn't been explored until 1996, when despite the government protection of the site a construction company started building a road through it. Six mounds were destroyed by the construction work, and then inspected by a team of archeologists. Three of them were nomad burials, two of which are described in detail by Efimov.

Historical Boys Clothing: The Mongols

<http://histclo.hispeed.com/chron/med/med-mong.html>

(Site Excerpt--note there are no actual images of clothing on this site) The Mongols burst out of the Asian steppe at the beginning of the 13th century. The rise of the Mongols began in the East at the beginning of the 13th century. The Chinese decided to restrict

trade with the Mongols, no doubt understanding that trade was helping to build a military threat to their north. Temujin united the various clans and was proclaimed Genghis Khan or Very Mighty King (1206).

State Hermitage Museum: Treasure of the Golden Horde

[http://www.hermitagemuseum.org/html\\_En/12/b2003/hm12\\_3\\_1\\_2\\_0.html](http://www.hermitagemuseum.org/html_En/12/b2003/hm12_3_1_2_0.html)

(Site Excerpt) This is the first large-scale exhibition devoted to the artistic life of the Golden Horde. The display includes some 1,000 items made between the 13th and 15th centuries by craftsmen of the Ulus Juchi or Golden Horde - the westernmost of the states that formed after the death of Genghis Khan in the territories of which he was master.

The Tatar Ethnic Minority in China

<http://www.china.org.cn/e-groups/shaoshu/shao-2-tartar.htm>

(Site Excerpt) Their history in China dates from the Tang Dynasty (618-907), when the Tatar tribe was ruled by the nomadic Turkic Khanate in northern China. As this state fell into decline, the Tatars grew in strength, and their name was used to refer to several tribes in the north after the Tang Dynasty. Their homeland was later annexed by Mongols, and when the Mongols pushed west, many Central Asians and Europeans called them Tatars.

Ibn Battuta's Trip: Part Six - The Steppe - Land of the Golden Horde, 1332 - 1333


[http://www.sfusd.k12.ca.us/schwww/sch618/Ibn\\_Battuta/Battuta's\\_Trip\\_Six.html](http://www.sfusd.k12.ca.us/schwww/sch618/Ibn_Battuta/Battuta's_Trip_Six.html)

(Site Excerpt) They had arrived just in time to make the 700-mile trip to the Volga River under the protection of the King of the Golden Horde who was traveling only a few days ahead. So they bought three wagons and animals to pull them and rushed to catch up. (One wagon was for Ibn Battuta himself and a slave girl - with whom he would father another child! A second wagon was for his friend, and a third large one was for the rest of his companions and other slaves.) A prosperous steppe dweller might own one or two hundred wagons!


## EVENTS:

### February 2006

- 2/4 [Flying Objects Collegium \\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*](#)  
[Barony of Settmour Swamp - Flemington, NJ](#)
- 2/4 [At The Sign of the Dancing Fox VIII \\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*](#)  
[Shire of Nordenhalle - Kingston,, NY](#)
- 2/4 [Broadside & Boarding Parties \\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*](#)  
[Barony of An Dubhaigeainn - East Northport, NY](#)
- 2/11 [Cooking Thing II and Brewing Also \\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*](#)  
[Shire of Caer Adamant - Newark, DE](#)

- 2/11 [Bergental Novice Schola and Baronial Birthday \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Barony of Bergental](#) - Holyoke, MA
- 2/11 [CandleMasque Ball III](#)  
[Shire of Sylva Cerdonis](#) (incipient) - Houlton, ME
- 2/11 [Love Pure and Chaste From Afar - A Masqued Ball](#)  
[Kingdom of Atlantia](#) - Hampstead, MD
- 2/17 - 2/18 [Fields of Gold II \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Shire of Hartshorn-dale](#) - Paoli, PA
- 2/18 [Prussian Winter Games \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Canton of Forestgate](#) - Hamilton, NJ
- 2/24 - 2/26 Lucky 13th East Kingdom Brewers Collegium - **\*\*CANCELLED\*\***  
[Crown Province of Ostgardr](#) - Greater NYC
- 2/25  [King and Queen's Bardic Champions \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Shire of Nordenhalle](#) - Kingston, NY
- 2/25 [Winter War IX](#)  
[Shire of Northern Outpost](#) - Potsdam, NY
- 2/25 [1,001 Nights At The Black Gryphon Inn \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Canton of Gryphonwald](#) - Edison, NJ
- 2/25 [Challenge of the Ice Weasel](#)  
[Barony of Smoking Rocks](#) - Fall River, MA

### March 2006

- 3/4  [King's & Queen's Rapier Championships \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Barony of Bhakail](#) - Media, PA
- 3/4 - 3/5 [Bear's Tavern \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Crown Province of Ostgardr](#) - Peekskill, NY
- 3/4 [First Baronial Investiture Anniversary \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Barony of L'ile du Dragon Dormant](#) - L'ile Perrot, Montreal, QC
- 3/11 [Crystal Snowflake Ball \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Barony of Concordia of the Snows](#) - Cohoes, NY
- 3/11 [Northern Lights Arts and Sciences Competition \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Shire of Panther Vale](#) - Montpelier, VT
- 3/18 [Hrim Schola X \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Shire of Frosted Hills](#) - Millbrook, NY
- 3/18  [Iron Bog Baronial Investiture \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Shire of Iron Bog](#) - Elmer, NJ
- 3/18 [Celtiberian Silliness: Sir Carnival vs. Lady Lent \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Crown Province of Ostgardr](#) - Huntington, NY
- 3/25 [The Mead Hall at the End of the World \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Barony of Carolingia](#) - Arlington, MA
- 3/25  [Mudthaw \*\*\\*\\*UPDATED\\*\\*\*\*](#)  
[Barony of Settmour Swamp](#) - Livingston, NJ

February 2006:

2:	Trivial Thursday at Kateline & Tomaloc's house, Bear, Delaware Contact tomaloc@marshal.sca.org or khicch@needleworker.sca.org
5:	Period Games at Lady Hedewigis', Hockessin (contact for directions) Contact Lady Marietta 302.740.5343 or Lady Hedewigis 302.239.9787 Focus on games played during the SCA time focus. Favorites include Bocce, Tarot and Astronomical Tables. Light refreshments are available. This evening get together is open to all. Arts & Sciences demonstrations are welcomed as well as friendly social interaction. 5:00 p.m.
6:	<b>Fencing Practice:</b> There is a \$1.00 fee per person, per practice. We will have some loaner gear available soon, but if you have equipment please bring it.  7pm to 10pm Church of The Ascension - Claymont Delaware 3717 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont DE 19703 <a href="http://maps.yahoo.com/py/maps.py?addr=3717+Philadelphia+Pike&amp;csz=19703">http://maps.yahoo.com/py/maps.py?addr=3717+Philadelphia+Pike&amp;csz=19703</a>  for more information, or questions, contact: Alain Longship – Marshal in charge(mka Scott Tollefson) 302-475-8067 (home before 9pm) 302-530-5435 (cell)
12:	Shire Business Meeting Corbit Calloway Library, Odessa, Delaware - 1:00 p.m. Contact seneschal@caer-adamant.org for information
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13:	A & S Night Lady Hedewigis' House - 7:00 p.m.

	Contact for directions silverloon2001@aol.com
13:	Meet & Greet at Grainne's and Kirin's - 7:00 p.m. Contact Grainne or Kirin at 302.734.1197
16:	Trivial Thursday at Kateline & Tomaloc's house, Bear, Delaware Contact tomaloc@marshal.sca.org or khicch@needleworker.sca.org
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22:	Meet & Greet at Grainne's and Kirin's - 7:00 p.m. Contact Grainne or Kirin at 302.734.1197
23:	Embroidery Night Lady Veronica's House - 7:00 p.m. contact for directions veronicarosso@comcast.net
27:	<p><b>Fencing</b> Practice: There is a \$1.00 fee per person, per practice. We will have some loaner gear available soon, but if you have equipment please bring it.</p> <p>7pm to 10pm Church of The Ascension - Claymont Delaware 3717 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont DE 19703 <a href="http://maps.yahoo.com/py/maps.py?addr=3717+Philadelphia+Pike&amp;csz=19703">http://maps.yahoo.com/py/maps.py?addr=3717+Philadelphia+Pike&amp;csz=19703</a></p> <p>for more information, or questions, contact: Alain Longship – Marshal in charge(mka Scott Tollefson) 302-475-8067 (home before 9pm) 302-530-5435 (cell)</p>

DON'T FORGET!!! You can always go to [www.caer-adamant.org](http://www.caer-adamant.org) for more updated and detailed calendar information.

**Regular Activities (noted on above schedule; not all occur each month):**

*Archery (martial activity)*

2nd and 4th Sundays and 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays at Lord Padraig & Helen's.  
936 Marl Pit Road, Middletown, DE 19709 302.378.7444  
3rd Sunday at Baroness Laurens'  
311 Black Stallion Road, Townsend, DE 19734 302.659.1573

*Thrown Weapons (martial activity)*

4th Sundays at Lord Padraig & Helen's.  
936 Marl Pit Road, Middletown, DE 19709 302.378.7444

*Monday Night Get Together (A&S and social)*

1st Monday and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday; 7:00 p.m. at Kirin & Grainne's  
Contact Kirin or Grainne's 302.734.1197

*Trivial Thursdays (A&S and social)*

1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:00 p.m. at Lord Tomaloc & Lady Kateline's.  
Contact Lord Tomaloc 302.750.2375 or Lady Kateline Hicch 302.229.1435

*Period Gaming (social, garb encouraged):*

1st Sunday 5:00 p.m. at Lady Hedewigis  
Contact Lady Hedewigis 302.239.9787

*A Gathering of Friends (social):*

Last Sunday of the month, 5:00 p.m. Baroness Laurens de Vitrolles'  
Call first to verify 302.659.1573

*Embroidery Nights (A & S):*

2nd Monday at Lady Hedewigis and 4th Thursday at Lady Veronica Rosso's  
Contact Lady Hedewigis 302.239.9787 or Lady Veroinca Rosso 302.229.0196

*Sewing Day (A & S):*

Contact Lady Hedewigis for information 302.239.9787

*Fighter Practice (Martial Activity):*

On hold. Contact Lord Krey MacLeod, Knight Marshall, 302-898-5911

**DIRECTIONS:**

Corbit Calloway Library, Odessa, Delaware

*From the North:* Make your best way to SR 1 south. Continue south, and as you cross the Canal (big bridge) take exit 148 (last exit before toll). The exit will put you on Route 13 South. At the

4<sup>th</sup> light, you should be at the only light in Odessa, turn left onto Main St. Go through the next light, and then turn left on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. It will dead end on High Street and the small parking lot for the library will be in front of you. Parking is allowed on the street.

From the South: Take Route 13 North. At the only traffic light in Odessa, turn right onto Main St. (there is a State Police Barracks on your right corner). Turn left on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. It will dead end on High Street and the small parking lot for the library will be in front of you. Parking is allowed on the street.

### Blackbird Community Center

*From the North:*

Make your best way to SR 1 south. Continue south, and as you cross the Canal (big bridge) take exit 148 (last exit before toll). The exit will put you on Route 13 South. After you pass through the small town of Odessa, look for Willey's Farm Market on the left. Approx. 1.5 miles after the farm market there will be a sign for "Road 471 Blackbird" and a blinking light at the intersection. Take this right turn on to Blackbird Forest Road. The Community Center is a white building on the left – the third property after you turn in from Route 13.

*From the South:*

Make your best way to SR 1 North. Delaware Route 1 north to exit 119 will put you on Rt. 13 North in Smyrna (near the rest stop). North of Smyrna, you will pass the truck weigh station on the right. Approximately ½ mile north of the weigh station is the intersection with the blinking light for Blackbird Forest Road. Make the left and the Community Center is a white building on the left – the third property after you turn in from Route 13.

Monday Night Get Togethers at **Grainne & Kirin's House** (213 Charring Cross Drive, Dover, DE 19904)

*From the North:* Take RT. 1 south to exit 104 {Dover Downs Exit}, to light{Scarborough RD}. Go about 3 miles to Hazletville Road {Food Lion on right, Kraft Foods ahead of you}, make right. \*\*\* Go to Light {Mifflin RD you'll see Schutte Park on left}, Go Straight-out 1/10 of a mile to "VILLAGE OF WESTOVER," make first right onto TRAFALGER DR it turns into CHARRING Cross so watch that left... we are the 7th house on right {Twin Tan with Green Shutters}

*From the South:* Travel north on Route 13 to the Loockerman Street intersection and make a right onto Loockerman Street. Follow Loockerman Street and make a left onto Governors Avenue. Go one block and make a right onto North Road and follow North Road past the Kraft Foods on your left. Follow the directions from \*\*\* above  
Call 302.734.1197 if you have problems getting there.

Trivial Thursdays at **Kateline and Tomaloc's** (919 Rue Madora Drive, Bear, DE 19701)

*From the Route 896 and Route 40 intersection;* turn onto Route 40 East. Pass through 2 traffic lights

and at the end of the Fox Run Shopping Center make a right turn --- if you cross the RR track you just passed the turn. Continue from \*\* below.

*From the Route 7 or Route 1 intersection with Route 40;* turn West onto Route 40 and continue until you cross the RR tracks (they are the only RR tracks that cross Route 40). Just after the RR tracks turn left onto the road goes between the Post Office and Fox Run Shopping Center) Continue from \*\* below.

\*\* Go to the Stop Sign turn left; you will come to another Stop Sign go straight through; we are the Only Blue house on the right side of the street (6 houses)

Call 302.750.2375 if you have problems getting there.

Gathering of Friends at **Baron Bill and Baroness Laurens** (311 Black Stallion Road, Townsend, DE 19734)

*From the North:* Take Route 1 South and as you cross the Canal (big bridge) take exit 148 which is on the south side of the bridge itself. (If you miss this exit, you will be on Route 1 which has no exit available until after you pass Townsend). The exit will put you on Route 13 South. After you pass through the small town of Odessa, look for Willey's Farm Market on the left. Approx. 1.5 miles after the farm market there will be a sign for "Road 471 Blackbird" and a blinking light at the intersection.

\*\* Take this right turn on to Blackbird Forest Road. Follow the road through the forest. Once through the forest there will be a stop sign at the intersection of Route 15. Continue through the intersection and take the first road on the right – Oak Hill School Road. Continue approx. 1.5 miles to a 4-way intersection with Black Stallion Road. Our farm is on the left at this intersection. Make the left on to Black Stallion Road and turn immediately into our drive.

*From the South:* Make your best way to Rt. 13 North in Smyrna. North of Smyrna, you will pass the truck weigh station. Approximately ½ mile north of the weigh station is the intersection with the blinking light for Blackbird Forest Road. Make the left and continue from \*\* above.

Call 302.659.1573 if you have problems getting there.

Caer Adamant Dance at **First Unitarian Church** (730 Halstead Rd, Wilmington DE 19803)

*Directions (From I-95):* North on Concord Pike (Route 202) to the light at Whitby Road (If you see a shopping center on the left with a Staple's, you went too far). Make a left and the Church is on the left. Plenty of parking on street or across the street. Go through the big doors.

Call 302.379.6294 if you have problems getting there.

Archery and/or Thrown Weapons at **Padraig and Helen O'Gealagain's** (936 Marl Pit Road, Middletown, DE 19709)

*From the North:* Take Route 1 South over the C & D Canal and exit at the base of bridge onto Route 13 South. Continue through two lights to the intersection with a Wawa on the left. Continue straight on Route 13 for 2.2 miles and turn right onto Marl Pit Road (Route 429)

\*\* Go 1.6 miles and turn left into driveway of Helen and Padraig O'Gealagain.

*From the South:* Take Route 13 North to Odessa. From light at Route 299 continue North 6/10ths of a mile and turn left onto Marl Pit Road then follow from \*\* above.

Call 302.378.7444 if you have problems getting there.

Activities at **Valentina Barrows'** (504 Ethel Court, Middletown, DE 19709)

*From the North:* Rt 1 SB over the Rt 1 Bridge. Take the exit at the end of the bridge to Rt 13, at the stop sign, turn right and go back under the bridge, passing a salt shed on the right. Continue South on Rt 13 to the second light which is Boyds Corner, Route 896 (a Wawa on your left), and turn right.

**\*\*Go** approximately 1/4 mile to your first right, and turn right (Milford St.)

Take your second right (Bullen St.) Then your first left again back onto Milford St.

Finally your second right onto Ethel Ct.

The house is the two story at the end of the cul-de-sac.

*From the South:* Take Route 13 North through Odessa toward Route 896. Make a left onto Route 896 (a Wawa on your right). Continue from **\*\*** above.

Call 302.540.5887 if you have problems getting there.

**Veronica's House** (138 Creekmont Court, Newark, DE 19702)

*From the south:* Delaware 1 north to Delaware 273 exit, turn left (west) at bottom of ramp. Go to the 3rd light and turn left onto Old Baltimore Pike. Go to the third light and turn left onto Walther Road. Take the third right turn onto Glenwood Drive (neighborhood is Glenwood Station). First right onto Creekmont Court, house number is 138 (third from the end on the right).

*From I-95:* Take the Delaware 273 exit towards Dover (east). Go to the third traffic light and turn right onto Old Baltimore Pike. Go to the third light and turn left onto Walther Road. Take the third right turn onto Glenwood Drive (neighborhood is Glenwood Station). First right onto Creekmont Court, house number is 138 (third from the end on the right). Try not to park on the street if possible, there's an overflow lot around the corner on the left just before reaching the house.

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