



Misrule Missive

NOVEMBER 30,



Who Is The King of Misrule?

Periodically Elfsa chooses a King of fools—so herein find some of the history behind the medieval office...

Lord of Misrule

Sometimes called LORD, and sometimes ABBOT, etc. At Oxford and Cambridge one of the Masters of Arts superintended both the Christmas and Candlemas sports, for which he was allowed a fee of 40s.

Polydore Vergil says of the feast of Misrule that it was “derived from the Roman Saturnalia,” held in December for five days (17th to 22nd). The Feast of Misrule lasted twelve days.

E. Cobham Brewer 1810–1897. Dictionary of Phrase and Fable. 1898

During his reign, which lasted anywhere from 12 days to 3 months, the Lord of Misrule was responsible for arranging and directing all Christmas entertainment, including elaborate **masques** and processions, plays, and feasts. The lord himself usually presided over these affairs with a mock court and received comic homage from the revelers.

Scotland had an official similar to the Lord of Misrule, known as the Abbot of Unreason (suppressed in 1555), and both are thought by scholars to be descended from the “king” or “bishop” who presided over the earlier Feast of Fools.

"Misrule, Lord of." Encyclopædia Britannica. 2007. Encyclopædia Britannica Online School Edition. 27 Nov. 2007 <<http://school.eb.com/eb/article-9052973>>.

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Festivities at December Moot

For the month of December Moot and Business Meeting are combined. The centerpoint of the event is the pot luck dinner right after the meeting. Please come, and bring something to share, and celebrate the end of the year.

The Canton of Dragonsfire Tor Yule Revel

December 15, 2007

Glenrose, TX

10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Oakdale Park, 1019 NE Barnard St

Eisteddfod

This Year's Kingdom Eisteddfod will decide who shall be called the next Premier Bard of Anstorra. The format will be three rounds long, with the third round reserved for three finalists.

- Round One will be your best, your strongest piece, whatever you think really lets you shine.
- Round Two will feature a Return of the Box of Doom, but this year with a slight change. Instead of topics, this year's box will be filled with emotions and moods. The box may ask for tragedy or patriotism or comedy, who knows what you will draw?
- Round Three will be for the three chosen Finalists. They will be expected to give us a piece to honor the hospitality of Dragonsfire Tor, in any vocal form they choose.

You will not be required to present documentation, though performers will be expected to avoid blatantly modern pieces.

Yule Revel XVI

We will have our **A&S completion** run by our current champion HL Vincenzo Cellini. Entrants may have 1-3 items, but one of them needs to be the "focus". The "focus" will need documentation.

Our famous **raffle** will be run by none other than the Olde Phoolz himself Grandall. Please bring SC&A or period appropriate donations for the raffle.

In addition we will have our **table decorating contest and banner competition**. Capture the eye of our judges and win the prize. Tables are approx. 2 ½' by 6'. Some tables are a little larger and some are smaller. (Candles with flame OK.)

And last but never least a **potluck dinner** to be shared by all. Bring your favorite dish to share, should feed 8-10 people. Feast gear not provided. To let all know what dish you will bring, go [here](#).



*Round Two
will feature
a Return of the
Box of Doom,*



Borrowed from the List Greetings from D?ire and Druinne,

As our Seneschal pointed out on Monday night, this coming Monday is our annual Christmas Party. We hope that everyone can find some time to come out and enjoy some food and good times with new and old friends. It is also a time to show off your culinary and/or shopping skills, since the food is pot luck.

We are planning on bringing something hot and cheesy with chips for dipping.

Borrowed from the List Greetings from Aseclyn

The Christmas Party will be held at the Coors Hospitality Room where we normally hold Elfsea Moot. The time will be the same as Moot; doors open at 6:30 and we will be starting at 7 pm.

As her Excellency stated, this will be a pot luck affair so please feel free to add your contributions to this list:

Greetings from al Aeryn

Here follow some of the other gustatory offerings in the works:

HE Druinne—
Cheesy Dip and Chips

HE Aseclyn—
Beef Sausages, cheese and crackers

Alarie—
My Mom's Brandied Fuiteake.

Aeryn—
Something chocolaty

If you are new to Elfsea, don't be shy and come and join in the festivities.

Dress is garb or modern - we don't care, just come on out!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season,
D?ire and Druinne

HE Druinne - Cheesy Dip and Chips
HE Aseclyn - Beef Sausages, cheese and crackers

Yours In Service, Aseclyn of Glentwrd Seneschal, Barony of Elfsea & Central Regional Missile Marshal
Per bend sinister Gulcs and Or, a Unicorn Argent and a Rose Proper

Cathal and Genzviev—
Deviled Eggs

Merryn—
meat dish (she is deciding as you are reading this) and lemon butter cake



Christmas

Pot Luck

Revel

Monday

December

Third.



December

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Christmas
Party

10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Yule Revel
Dragonsfire Tor

17 18 19 20 21 22 23

24 25 26 27 28 29 30



January

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

31 1 2 3 4 5 6



Elfsza and Steppes Twelfth Night

7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Coronation—Rosznfeld (Tyler, TX)

14 15 16 17 18 19 20

King's Round Table

21 22 23 24 25 26 27

Queen's Champion

28 29 30 31 1 2 3

Candlemass-Bryn Gwlad