

**West Kingdom
Brewers' Guild
Newsletter**

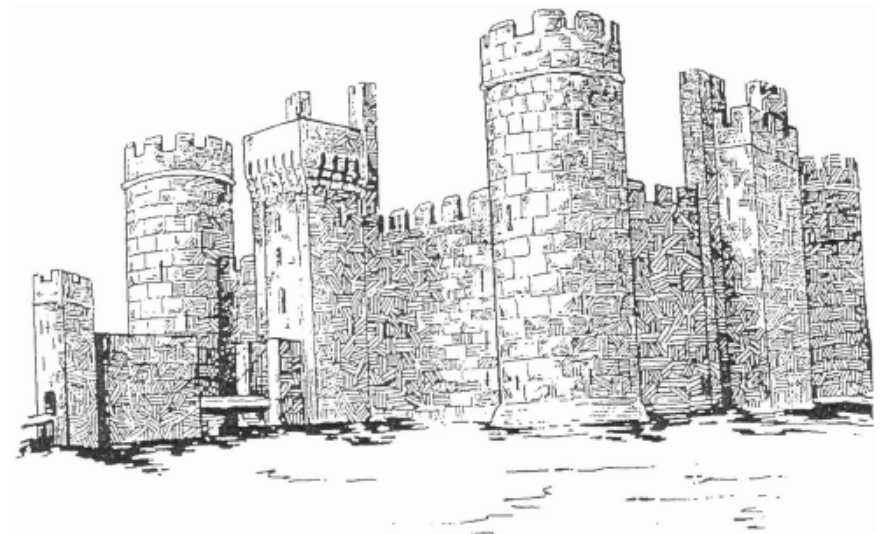
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We're Official !!

As of March Crown A.S. 23, the West Kingdom Brewers' Guild officially came into existence. So here is our first newsletter as an official guild. Included are some official words from our official Guildmaster, an official Brewer's Guild Questionnaire, an official recipe from our Guildmaster and other official stuff including the Official Name-the-Newsletter contest.



Officially,

ERIK
ULFSSON

Morgan's Corner

Fellow Brewers, Greetings !

This has been a very busy period for the Guild, although some of you may not have known it. It looks as though this trend may continue by the number of suggestions and ideas I've heard from you.

As you know, the formal charter of the Brewers' Guild was presented to their Majesties, Geoffrey and Kira, at March Crown, along with the usual bribes, er, *gifts*. After Crown Prince Stephen popped open a bottle and a sample was shared by the royalty, the charter was granted (*after what must have been seconds of exhaustive research and review - ed*). It is now being signed and sealed and will be available for review at Beltane.

I have heard from some of the populace present at court that we made a very good presentation, especially with the quantity and delivery. About twenty bottles were presented as gifts at court, but it was done in such a way as to appear as if waves of bottles were awashing the royalty. (After everyone had received a bottle, the next round would start, but the whole presentation had a constant flow.) From the looks on Their faces, I think the royalty were well pleased with the gifts, and a little surprised by the amount. I would like to thank all the brewers who contributed brew as well as all those who took part in the presentation.

Now, on to the present business of keeping the Guild going. I would like to collect the emblems, labels, or other identifying marks that each of you use to distinguish your bottles. We would print these in this newsletter so that we could come to recognize each other's brews. If you don't have any, don't rush to come up with something, because we can print them again at a later date. So, if you do have an emblem or a label, please get a copy to Eirik or myself as soon as you can. (*Our addresses are listed on the last page - ed*)

On another matter, there is also a culinary collegium in the planning stages to be held in Esfenn (Hayward) in late July. I am looking for people interested in teaching a hands-on type of class in brewing. Please let me know if you would like to help with this project, and I'll get you more detailed information. It would be nice to

be able to offer a couple of classes on brewing, so don't be shy and make me come find you.

Please take the time to answer the questionnaire in this newsletter. I would like to use this information as a guide for the activities the Guild might become involved in. I have been getting suggestions from a few people, but not everyone, and this guild is for *all* of the brewers !

The last issue I would like to discuss is an idea I had after March Crown. I thought it would be fun to put together a "West Kingdom Brewer's Recipe Book". We could sell this book to raise funds for other Guild projects, like sponsoring a contest, or donate the proceeds to the land fund.

In this recipe book, I would like to include some articles on brewing beers, meads and wines, with both basic and advanced techniques. It would also be nice to

include something on cordials. We could round out the book with recipes, a glossary of brewing terms, and a list of where to get supplies. We might also print the labels of the people involved in this project (and I hope you all participate) on the inside cover. I hope everyone could share a couple of their favorite recipes. Please don't let inexperience or modesty hinder you from taking part. We will also need volunteers to write and/or create illustrations for the afore mentioned articles. Please consider this idea and we'll discuss it at June Crown (*and don't forget more bribes/gifts for the royalty - I think this is becoming a tradition! -ed*)



-Morgan Conner

The following is an ale recipe developed by Morgan Conner. After much research I have determined two things: It's one of the best ales I've ever had and it lives up to name entirely too well (at least after several bottles!).

It's called...

Helmbender Dark Ale

Morgan Conner - Solais Mor

Ingredients:

6 lbs. Dark Australian Dried Malt Extract
1 lb. Cracked Chocolate Crystal Malt
2 lbs. Corn Sugar
5 tsp. Yeast Nutrient
4 oz. Cluster Hops
5 gals. Water
Ale Yeast

Cook the 6 lbs. of malt extract and 2 lbs. of corn sugar in 2 gals. of water. Let mixture boil for approximately 50 minutes. Add 2 ozs. of hops after 20 minutes of boil. Add other 2 ozs. of hops for the last 10 minutes of boil. Sparge hops with 1-2 gals. of water.

Cook crystal malt in separate 1/2 gal. of water to boiling. Sparge malt in remaining water. Combine to 5 gals. of wort. Gravity of wort should be about 1.056. Add ale yeast when wort is cool.

Ferment for 10-14 days, rack and bottle.

Name the Newsletter !

Yes, we're still looking for a good name for the newsletter. Be sure to include your suggestions on the questionnaire. Remember - If we use the name you suggest, you'll get a bottle of Morgan's finest !

Standard S.C.A. Related Newsletter Announcement #1

You see this in every S.C.A. newsletter and I know you're probably sick of it, but I'm going to say it anyway - *I need submissions !* Recipes, articles on brewing techniques, history of brewing, artwork, more recipes, old laundry lists, *anything!* Just send them to me at address below under the heading "For Newsletter related stuff."; I'll figure out what to do with them. Thanks. Alot.



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