

The Librarian's Challenge

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DO YOU know someone named *Cooper*, or *Fletcher*, or *Chapman*, or *Wainwright*? Do you know how those surnames originated? Have you, at some point in your Society career, acted as a *gonfalonier*, a *cordwainer*, or an *arkwright*?

At the Shire of Smythkepe's third event, the second Feast of St. Dunstan, we introduced the Quest for the Shrine of St. Dunstan. We've staged a number of quests since, with a variety of odd challenges for the pilgrim teams participating.

But the Librarian's Challenge, from Quest XIII at A Midsummer Knight's Dream XV (The Siege of Malta), was apparently judged one of the most aggravating we've created. Of 26 possible answers, teams were expected to get 16 correct to score points. Only one team out of four made points, with 18 correct.

Try it for yourself! Match each occupation to its description. An answer key is available at SCAdia.org.

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| _____ Almoner | A . Adds feathers to arrows |
| _____ Arkwright | B . Builder of musical instruments |
| _____ Austringer | C . Builder of wagons |
| _____ Cambist | D . Charcoal-burner |
| _____ Catchpole | E . Dealer in fine cloth |
| _____ Chapman | F . Digger of mines and trenches |
| _____ Collier | G . Distributes charity to the poor |
| _____ Cooper | H . Groom or stable-boy |
| _____ Cordwainer | I . Harness-maker |
| _____ Cutler | J . Itinerant merchant |
| _____ Farrier | K . Keeper of hawks (not falcons) |
| _____ Fewterer | L . Keeper of hunting hounds |
| _____ Fletcher | M . Knife-maker |
| _____ Fuller | N . Makes barrels and buckets |
| _____ Gonfalonier | O . Makes chests and coffers |
| _____ Knacker | P . Makes roofs with straw and rushes |
| _____ Luthier | Q . Military road-builder and engineer |
| _____ Mercer | R . Money-changer |
| _____ Manciple | S . One who arrests debtors |
| _____ Ostler | T . Paints red letters in manuscripts |
| _____ Pioneer | U . Purchaser of food and provisions |
| _____ Rubricator | V . Repairs kettles and pans |
| _____ Sapper | W . Shoemaker and leather worker |
| _____ Thatcher | X . Shoes and tends the feet of horses |
| _____ Tinker | Y . Standard-bearer |
| _____ Wainwright | Z . Walks cloth to make it firmer |