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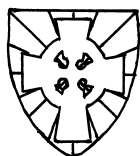
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June AS XLIV (AD 2009)

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(Capital of Ansteorra, get it?)

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Calendar of Events

(From the Kingdom Calendar)

June 2009 (AS XLIV)

5-7.....Castellan - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)
12-14.....King's College - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX)
19-21.....Passa de Arms - Adlersruhe (Amarillo, TX)
26-28.....Midsummer Festival - Mooneschadowe (Stillwater, OK)

July 2009 (AS XLIV)

3-5.....Fourth of July Weekend (OPEN)
10-12 Ansteorran 30th Year Celebration and Crown Tournament - Kingdom (Canton, TX)
Note: **Event begins on Thursday**
17-19.....King's Round Table - TBD
24-26.....Westgate Winter Collegium - Westgate (Houston, TX)
24-26.....Out of Kingdom: Pennsic XXXVIII
31-2.....Out of Kingdom: Pennsic XXXVIII

Populace Meetings

June 2.....Location TBA

July 7.....Location TBA

Practices

Practice	Time	Location	Contact
Archery	Sun 4:00PM	Austin's Colony Park	Lord Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com
Chivalric	Sun 1:30PM	TAMU Main Drill Field	Sir Rhodri sir.rhodri@gmail.com
Rapier	Sun 1:00PM	TAMU Main Drill field	Conner benjamin.white@gmail.com

Guilds

Guild	Time	Location	Contact
Cooking	2 nd Tues 7:00PM	Isabelot's House	HL Isabelot isabelotdeforess@gmail.com
Dance	Sun 6:30PM	See below	Lady Morina elwenaduialloth@yahoo.com
Musicians	Sun 5:30PM	See below	Lady Brigid sarah.gray.88@gmail.com
Scribes	watch the list	Kaitlyn's house	Luciana pchjanjeni@sbcglobal.net

Music/Dance Rooms

NO ROOMS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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The Shadow Notes

Congratulations to Faolán, who won ANOTHER archery competition at Stargate/ Loch Sollier Baronials. I'm just not sure which she won...

My apologies to Lord Stephen Crowley, who I mistakenly referred to as Charles Crowley in last month's issue of *The Shadow Knows*.

Don't forget the demo at the library Monday, June 15 from 6:30 – 8:30PM.

The Shadowlands will be hosting a Tournament of Champions next month at Ansteorra's XXX Year Celebration. We'll need all the help we can get. If nothing else, come cheer our Shire Champion, Duke Ulsted the Unsteady, on to victory.

The Shadowlands will probably have a shire encampment at XXX Year. Make plans now to join us...

Farewell to Lord Diederick Andrieszen, who is leaving these lands for Outremer.

Sorry this issue of *The Shadow Knows* is late and did not come out in hard copy.

Thanks and Credits

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Officer Reports

From the Seneschal

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

From the Treasurer

Nothing to report.

Calan ingen Michil

From the Hospitaller

Nothing to report.

Alfrun

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

May was light on guild meetings, mainly due to final exams for students and then students returning home. Cooking and Charter Painting should be continuing through the summer months. Dancing and Music will return in August when Brigid and Morina are back in town and a time and place is found.

Lady Brigid

From the Chivalric Marshal

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

From the Rapier Marshal

To the most noble populace of the Shire of the Shadowlands,

I have taken over as shire rapier marshal from Diederick, and will serve as the main point of contact for all practices and rapier activities in the shire. Practices during the summer months will be held at Austin Colony Park in Bryan, on Sundays from 1 - 4 PM. Any change in this schedule will be posted to the Shadowlands yahoo groups list. Rapier practice will return to the A&M campus in the fall. Although the summer months bring smaller practices, I am available and will instruct any good and noble gentles and ladies who wish to become proficient in the noble arte of defense in these upcoming warm months. Additionally, I am available to the

populace to answer any questions related to rapier activities in the shire or rapier fighting in general.

In Service,

Connor MacGillivray, Master Swordsman

Sixty-Second Companion of the Order of the Golden Rapier

Marshal, Shire of the Shadowlands

From an Archery Marshal at Large

Archery practice will be at 4:00 for the rest of the summer. We will be trying to hold Royal Rounds, and possibly an IKAC at every practice.. Shadowlands made a great showing at the Warlord event, thanks to Kaitlyn, Faolán, and Catan for going out, having fun, and showing that Shadowlands can shoot. I'd like to invite the region to come up for a practice sometime this month, so send me ideas about when.

Bastian Eisengart

From the Web minister

Hi all. I've finally started making progress on getting pictures up on our site. It's slow going, but I'll get there eventually. Also, if you have a picture page for SCA-related pictures, send me the link and I'll add you to the list of SCA photo albums on our Activities site.

Thanks, and have a great summer!

Catan ingen Michil

From the Chronicler

Not much to write this month. I'm still plugging along. Watch in coming months for another poem by Orazio, and an article on music by lady Brigid.

Lord Padric

From the Historian

Included in this issue is the third installment of the History of the Shadowlands. I am planning to take a display to 30th year. Among other things I will be taking old photographs from past events, some of them from long ago. I would love to have more photos if anyone would like to share their pictures. Or for that matter anything relating to Shadowlands History

Lord Padric

Poetry Corner

This was the first song I wrote in a medievalish style, ~20 years ago, very shortly after I joined the SCA. No, it's not about Baroness Claire's evil(!) twin sister, another redhead of my acquaintance...

The Lady at the Faire

By Lord Pædric O'Mullan

She had hair of blazing red, and skin of alabaster white,
I am helpless to forget her look, she haunts my dreams at night.
I hope one day that I again may see her standing there,
Oh, the lady that I met whilst I was going to the Faire.

But she was not only pretty, she was gentle, she was sweet,
Aye, that lady was so lovely that my heart did skip a beat.
I wish that I could hold her tight and show her that I care,
Oh, the lady that I met whilst I was going to the Faire.

Oft I think about that lady, and it makes me want to cry,
For I know that such a one as she was not for such as I.
I dream that I may kiss her but I wonder, would I dare?
Oh, the lady that I met whilst I was going to the Faire.

Well, I know I'll not forget her so I shall not even try,
I must keep her mem'ry with me 'til the moment that I die.
I long to see that lady with the shining, fiery hair,
Oh, the lady that I met whilst I was going to the Faire.

Press the Unexpected

by Pædric

The rarest of weather
phenomena: A blizzard in
Ansteorra in the summertime.
Now, THAT was unexpected!

History of the Shadowlands

Compiled by Lord Pædric OMullan

Part 5 – The Later Middle Years

AS XXVIII (93-94)

By September of the new year was Lord Tosti Liefson the Seneschal, and Wolfgang von Hammer the Chronicler. That month was held a newcomer's Event and tourney, in conjunction with the populace meeting. And lord Ulsted the Unsteady won the tourney.

In October was held another all-day mini-event/populace meeting, and then again in November.

That December the shire participated in the Bryan/College Station Christmas Parade, with a float and dancers.

In February the mini-tourney/populace meeting was a Tourney of Love and Beauty. In March Lord Ulsted the Unsteady became the Seneschal of the Shadowlands, and the March mini-tourney/populace meeting was the Ulsted and Ulrick Invitational, a quest.

In April the theme of the mini-tourney was silly. And the April Domesday listed 62 members. Thus did another year draw to a close.

AS XXIX (94-95)

In May of the new year was scheduled a mini-tourney/populace meeting with the theme of Highland Games, but so few people attended it was called a regular fighter practice instead.

In June was held another mini-tourney/populace meeting, and that was better attended. And in these days was there a problem of factionalism within the Shire, but that is still beyond the scope of this work.

In July of that year the Shadowlands hosted Elfstomp, the Return of the Poobah.

In September of the same year was held a Newcomer's Revel, which was attended by the Queen. And in this month populace meetings moved back to campus, but the off-campus mini-tourneys would continue.

In October was held a Machiavellian Mini-tourney, and a Halloween Masquerade Ball.

In November of that year was held A Day at the Faire Mini-Tourney.

In January was held a Newcomer's Revel, and Ryan Bishop became the new Chronicler.

In March of that year the Shadowlands hosted the 12th Tournament of the Round Table, and the winners were as follows: Chivalric, Dance, and Champion of the Round Table Sir Rhodri ap Gwythyr, A&S – HL Caitlin(sic) McKenna, Rapier – Lord Christoforo, Heraldry – Enoch Crandall MacCranon, Bardic – Andre Duvaule, Games – Anna of Stargate, Archery – Douglas Starwolf.

In April was held a Spring Picnic and mini-tourney. So ended the year AS XXIX.

AS XXX (95-96)

By September of the Year AS XXX the Shire had a new temporary Seneschal, Lady Crystal Anne Berringer, and a new temporary Chronicler, Esther Anne Wright.

In that same month the Shadowlands hosted another Elfstomp.

By that February the Seneschal was HL Meghann MacGuire, and the Chronicler was Katherine de Vena. And another year was done.

AS XXXI (96-97)

In July of the new year lady Kiera McFlannchaidh became the Seneschal of the Shadowlands, and Camera published one issue of *The Shadow Knows* while Katherine de Vena was out of town.

In September the Shire held a Newcomer's Revel, and it was at this time that I returned to the Shadowlands, and I have been here ever since.

In November of that year the Shadowlands hosted the Tournament of the Round Table, and that was the thirteenth. Timo Krinidious won the Heraldry competition, as well as Champion of the Round Table. Lady crystal won the Bardic and Archery competitions. Lady Esther Anne Wright the A&S competition, and Tristan won the Games. Lord Randall won the Chivalric list and Lord Staltus won the Rapier list. The dance competition was won by Lord Christoforo Antonio Passavanti. And it was a dark and stormy night.

In February of the same year the Shadowlands hosted King's College, its first in many years. So ended the year AS XXXI.

Part 6 – The Early Recent Years

AS XXXII (97-98)

In May of AS XXXII did Alexandra of the Shadowlands become the new Seneschal of the Shadowlands.

In September Pædric OMullan (hey, that's me) became the Chronicler.

In that same month the Shire of the Shadowlands hosted its 20th Year Celebration.

Lord Timothius Kranisius(sic) won the Chivalric list and Don Brendan won the Rapier list. Lady Isobel Grace Hadley won the A&S competition and became the Artisan of the Shadowlands. Baroness Catherine Sommerfield and Leonardo Acquistapace together won the Bardic competition with a performance from Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*, and became co-Bards of the Shadowlands. That month the Shire also put on a demo at the St. Joseph's Hospital employee picnic.

In the November Domesday were listed 33 members of the Shire.

In March of that same year HL Jin Liu Chiang received a laurel at Crown Tournament in Raven's Fort, and he was the third to become a Laurel in the Shire (but the first in many years).

So ended another year.

AS XXXIII (98-99)

In May of the new year did Lord Krag von Berghen take over as Seneschal. Also in May did Jilleighanne of Lindisfarne and Pædric OMullan receive their Awards of Arms from their Majesties Richard II and Gladwen, and this was at Squires and Cadets in Raven's Fort. [This may not seem like important shire history to you, the reader, but it mattered to me, and I'm writing the history. ED.]

In September of that year the Shadowlands hosted a Harvest Festival and Boar Hunt, which was won by Sir Wilhelm (as the boar). Lord Valentyn won the Rapier list, and Centurion Timo won the archery list. Sir Kief av Kierstad won the Bardic competition and became Bard of the Shadowlands. HL Reisa won the A&S competition, and became Artisan of the Shadowlands. Lady Esther Anne Wright received a MOSS that day.

And this was the first year (that I know of) the Shadowlands did a full-scale Demo on the Drill Field for TAMU's Open House.

That same month was held a Newcomer's Revel and Newcomers Day Trip to Defenders of the Fort in Raven's Fort.

In October, the Shadowlands co-hosted, With Raven's Fort, a weekend at Texas Renaissance Festival. Almost half the Shire attended. Saturday was nice, Sunday was the only day the Renaissance Festival has ever been closed due to rain.

In November the Shire put on a Demo for St. Michael's Academy's Fall Harvest Faire. It rained there too.

And in February the Shire did a small demo for COFLO (whatever that is).

In March of that same year the Shadowlands did a demo and panel discussion for AggieCon.

In April of that year the Shadowlands hosted Barbarian Roguefest I, and that was the first of these. Evets von der Drachen was the Chivalric champion, and Don Ansgar von Aachen was the rapier champion. Lady Abigail Pinel was the A&S champion and Artisan of the Shadowlands. Jara of the Stuarts was the Bardic champion and Bard of the Shadowlands. HL Brion duVal was the Champion of Rogues.

So passed the year AS XXXIII

AS XXXIV (99-00)

In July of the new year did Victor duFresne become the Seneschal of the Shadowlands.

In August many members of the Shadowlands did attend Ansteorra's 20th Year celebration.

In September the Shire put an Open House Demo at the Regent's Fountain in the MSC.

There was no Newcomer's Revel that year, but there were two Newcomer's Day trips, to Stargate and Raven's Fort.

In October of that year did Melissa of the Shadowlands become the Shadowlands Chronicler.

In November of that year the Shadowlands once more co-hosted a weekend at Texas Renaissance Festival with the Barony of Raven's Fort.

In April of that year did the Shadowlands host Roguefest II, at which Baron Ulsted the Unsteady was declared the Champion of Rogues. Lord Pædric OMullan won the Bardic competition, but that year it was not for the title Bard of the Shadowlands.

So ended another year.

The Shadow Reader

By Lord Pædric OMullan

Title – *The Noble Outlaw*

Author – Bernard Knight

Publisher – Simon & Schuster

The Noble Outlaw is a mystery set during the reign of King Richard the Lionheart. It tells the story of four murders which take place in the town of Exeter. These murders are investigated by the county coroner, Crowner John de Wolfe. The coroner at that time was a newly established officer, appointed by the King to investigate crimes and be a check on the sheriff (as opposed to the sheriff, whose job was to keep the peace and line his pockets.)

Intertwined with the mystery of the four murders is the story of a noble knight and Crusader, Sir Nicholas de Arundell, who comes home from the Holy Land to find his home and lands stolen. Through a set of unfortunate circumstances, Sir Nicholas has been proclaimed an outlaw and forced to seek shelter with his retainers in the moors. Yes, this sounds a lot like Robin Hood, and aside from the fact that it takes place in Exeter and Dartmoor instead of Nottingham and Sherwood Forest, it pretty much is.

The Noble Outlaw is an entertaining tale, full of details of daily life in late 12th century England. Crowner John solves the case using the few clues available, thanks in large part to his assistant, Gwen of Polruan and his clerk, Thomas de Payne. I learned a few interesting bits about legal administration in the time of King Richard, and I look forward to reading other books from this series, for Crowner John has apparently solved many mysteries in his time as coroner.