

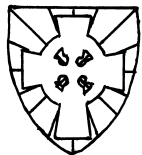
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## Calendar of Events (From the Kingdom Calendar)

### December 2009 (AS XLIV)

4-6.....Wiesenfeuer Yule Revel – Wiesenfeuer (OKC, OK)  
 Stargate Yule - Stargate (Houston, TX)  
 Champions for Children - Trelac (San Angelo, TX)  
 Loch Ruadh's Yule Revel at Dragonsfire Tor - Loch Ruadh (Benbrook, TX)  
 11-13.....Guardian of the Gauntlet/Yule Revel- Bryn Gwlad/Ffynnon Gath (Austin/San Marcos, TX)  
 18-21.....**OPEN**  
 25-27.....**OPEN** (25 Christmas Day)

### January 2010 (AS XLIV)

1-3 .....Steppes 12th Night - Steppes (Dallas, TX)  
 8-10.....Crown Tournament – Raven's Fort (Huntsville, TX)  
 15-17.....Centurion War College – Kingdom of Ansteorra (Austin, TX)  
 22-24.....Fall Ball in the Small Hall Take II – Shadowlands (College Station, TX)  
 King's Round Table – TBD  
 29-31 .....Coastal Invasion – Seawinds (Corpus Christi, TX)  
 Bonwicke's Artisan – Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)

## Populace Meetings

January 5?.....TBA

### Practices

Practice	Time	Location	Contact
Archery	Sun 3:00PM	Austin's Colony Park	Lord Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com
Chivalric	Thur 7:00PM	TAMU Main Drill Field	Lord Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com
Rapier	Thur 7:00PM	TAMU Main Drill field	Don Conner benjamin.white@gmail.com

### Guilds

Guild	Time	Location	Contact
Benders (Brewing and Blacksmithing)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 7:00PM	TBA check the list	Lord Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com
Cooking	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 7:00PM	Isabelot's House	HL Isabelot isabelotdeforess@gmail.com
Dance	Sun 7:00PM	See below	Lady Morina elwenaduialloth@yahoo.com
Musicians	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon 7:00PM	Brigid's Apt	Lady Brigid sarah.gray.88@gmail.com
Scribes	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 7:30PM	Kaitlyn's house	LADY Luciana pchanjeni@sbcglobal.net
Singing	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 7:00PM	Brigid's Apt	Lady Brigid sarah.gray.88@gmail.com

## Dance Rooms

Dance is on Sunday nights at the General Services Complex, at the corner of F&B Road and Agronomy Road. It usually starts at 7:00PM, except on the days we do Italian, when it starts at 6:00PM.

# Getting Started in Calligraphy – Part 2

By Lord Pædríc O'Mullan

After you have acquired a calligraphy pen there are still a few items you will need before you get started. Obviously you will need ink for your pen. I recommend waterproof India ink. Black was the most common color, but red and blue were widely used as well. You may want to experiment with brands of ink, as some will dry glossy, while others have a more preferable flat finish.

Next you will need something to write on. In period the most common medium was vellum, or parchment, but these are expensive and can be difficult to obtain. Do not use parchment paper from the art supply store, as it will become brittle over time. For small projects use acid-free, high rag content résumé paper. For larger projects use smooth finish Bristol Board.

A hard, smooth work surface of some kind is a must. A table top drafting board or drawing board that can be set at an inclined angle is ideal. A smaller, lap-top board will also work. Writing flat on a table top may cause an unnatural posture and discomfort, which may become evident in your lettering.

Finally, you will need the tools to lay out your work before you begin lettering. If using a drafting/drawing table with a straight edge, a t-square is a good choice, otherwise, any straight edge will do. You will also need a ruler. Depending on the project, you may need a standard ruler marked in sixteenths of an inch, an engineer's ruler marked in tenths of an inch, or a metric ruler. If using a drafting board and t-square, an Ames lettering device is great for laying out guidelines.

To draw the guidelines, you will need a pencil with a medium lead. I recommend an "H" or "2H" lead. Softer leads such as "F" (#2) or "HB" may be hard to erase completely, harder leads such as "4H" or "6H" may score the paper.

To correct your layout, or remove the guidelines from your completed work, you will need an eraser. A white or grey vinyl or rubber eraser, or an artgum eraser, works best. Avoid Pink Pearl or other colored erasers, as they may leave a residue, causing a colored stain on your project.

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## The Shadow Notes

Congratulations to Lord Stephen Crowley, who won the tournament to become Queen's Champion. At least this time he knew what he was getting himself in for.

Lord Stephen Crowley received recognition for 'valor, prowess and shakey knees' for getting his first battlefield kill at Bordermarch Autumn Melees.

Congratulations to HL Isabelot, who received a Sable Thistle for her skill in cooking. Congratulations also to Lady Luciana and Lord Tuathal(Twill), who received their AoAs. All three awards were officially given at Lochtoberfest, but none of the three were able to attend, so the awards were delivered in a Shire court at the Texas Renaissance Festival.

Remember that the Fall Ball in the Small Hall will be the weekend after school starts in January (January 23). Make plans now to attend, and bring a friend if you can. Contact the Event Steward, Lady Catan, to find out how you can help.

Italian dance in December will be held on the second Sunday - December 13<sup>th</sup>, at the General Services Complex at 6:00PM.

Lady Catan's term in office as Treasurer of the Shadowlands will end in April. This office MUST be filled. It requires only basic accounting skills and looks GREAT on a resume. Interested parties should send the Ansteorran Application for Kingdom Office (available at the Kingdom webpage { [www.ansteorra.org](http://www.ansteorra.org) } ) to the Kingdom Treasurer and the Southern Regional Treasurer (HL Isabelot), with copies to the local Seneschal (Sir Rhodri) and the local Treasurer (Catan). As with all officer positions you must be a paid member to hold this office. This position will be open for applications until the first of March.

Sign up for the Shadowlands group email list at:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shadowlandssca/>

Visit the Shire webpage at:  
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## Officer Reports

From the Seneschal

**NO REPORT RECEIVED**

From the Treasurer

**NO REPORT RECEIVED**

From the Fall Ball Event Steward

Fall Ball is just around the corner. We'll need everyone's help to make this event as great as last year's. If you would like to help out with a particular facet of the event please contact the coordinator for that activity.

### Coordinators:

Bastian – advertising (privy papering) & chivalric activities

Connor – rapier activities

Kira – set-up/clean up

Kaitlyn – decorations

Cooking Guild – feast coordination (before ball)

Alwyn – feast coordination (day of)

Oratzio – gate

Crowley – games, maze

Luciana – charter painting

Morina – dance

Brigid – musicians

Pædric – site tokens, site heraldry

Thank you all in advance!

*Catan*

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

**NO REPORT RECEIVED**

From the Chivalric Marshal

**NO REPORT RECEIVED**

From the Hospitaler

**NO REPORT RECEIVED**

## Fall Ball in the Small Hall: Take II (they're small)

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 in the Shire of the Shadowlands

From 10am until 10pm

Steward :

Catan ingen Míchl

M.K.A. Kristin Denton

4618 Northwood Dr.

Bryan, TX 77807

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Location:

The Club House in Eastside Park

Corner of Norwood Ln & Golf Course St.

Hearne, TX

For map and directions visit:

Shadowlands.Ansteorra.org

Site is Dry, No Pets

### Activities

#### Rapier and Armored Combat

- Inspection starts at 10:17 AM
- Scenario depends on attendance
- Room for BIG Melees

#### A&S

- All day charter painting tables
- Fun crafts for the inner child
- Room for projects

#### Games

- THE MAZE returns
- Gaming tables all day
- Yard games

#### Food

- Potluck feast

#### Dancing

- Ball all evening
- Annual Bransle Off competition

Fees:

Adult – \$5

17 & under – Free

No Family Max

Directions From Austin and points West

- Take HW 79 to Hearne, TX

From All other Directions

- Take best route to HW 6 in Hearne, TX

- Turn onto HW 79 headed South

- U-Turn when possible

Common Directions

- Continue straight as 79 becomes W Brown St/FM 391 (crossing over HW 6)

- Turn left onto Norwood Ln

- Turn right onto Golf Course St

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc./Shire of Shadowlands. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents. This event brought to you by the capital of Ansteorra.

# Fall Ball in the Small Hall: Take II (they're small)

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From 10am until 10pm

The Dreaded Bransle Off! Potluck Feast!

Send out the call, To summon on the thrall.

We swear to all, There's fun at the ball.

I'll give you fair warning, We will fight in the morning  
Though days have grown short, We shall still find our sport.

Whether you're spunky, For some English country.  
Or if you're stylin', To show off Italian.

When we take to gaming, We shall book no complaining

Once in one we Bransle, Throughout our snail hall

Be lost in a daze, In the Minotaur's maze.

We'll turn out the light, At the end of the night.

If you grow faint, Take time out to paint.

Knowing it was fun, For each and every one.

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Make check payable to: S.A. the Shire of Shadowlands. Money must be accompanied by a picture of a pet (optional). Payment also must include a 25¢ donation which will be used for the purchase of a pet. The event is open to all. For more information, contact the Steward at the address above.

Chivalric! Fencing! Heraldic Bingo!

Dancing! Music! Fighting! Games! Charter Painting! The Labyrinth!

From the Rapier Marshal

**NO REPORT RECEIVED**

From the Web Minister

**NO REPORT RECEIVED**

From the Chronicler

Not much to write this month. Not much to publish either... Thanks to Kaitlyn for the picture of Bastian, thanks to Bastian for the event announcement(s). Thanks to all the officers for all the officer reports. (Sarcasm). Sorry about all the empty space. (Irony).

*Padric*, Chronicler

From the Historian

In November many from the Shire did gather at the Texas Renaissance Festival for a day of fun. A short court was held, at which HL Isabelot received a Thistle and Lady Luciana and Lord Tuathal received AoAs. That same month, indeed that very same day, did Lord Stephen Crowley travel far to the north to become, for the second time, Queen's Champion.

*Padric*, Historian

## This Month in the Middle Ages – December

- 1** In 800, Charlemagne judges the accusations against Pope Leo III in the Vatican.
- 2** In 1409, The University of Leipzig opens.
- 3** In 1368, Birth of King Charles VI of France (d. 1422)
- 4** In 1259, Kings Louis IX of France and Henry III of England agree to the Treaty of Paris, in which Henry renounces his claims to French-controlled territory on continental Europe (including Normandy) in exchange for Louis withdrawing his support for English rebels.
- 5** In 1360, The French Franc is created.
- 6** In 1240, Mongol invasion of Rus: Kiev under Danylo of Halych and Voivode Dmytro falls to the Mongols under Batu Khan.
- 7** In 983, Holy Roman Emperor and German king Otto II dies in Rome, Italy, and is succeeded by his three-year-old son, Otto III, under the guardianship of his mother, Theophano.
- 8** In 1542, Mary Queen of Scots, Queen of Scotland 1542–67, born in Linlithgow Palace, Lothian, Scotland
- 9** In 1531, The Virgin of Guadalupe first appeared to Juan Diego at Tepeyac, Mexico.
- 10** In 1541, Thomas Culpeper and Francis Dereham are executed for having affairs with Catherine Howard, Queen of England and wife of Henry VIII.
- 11** In 1282, Llywelyn the Last, the last native Prince of Wales, is killed at Cilmeri, near Builth Wells, south Wales.
- 12** In 1408, The Order of the Dragon a monarchical chivalric order was created by Sigismund of Luxembourg, then King of Hungary.
- 13** In 1577, Sir Francis Drake sets out from Plymouth, England, on his round-the-world voyage
- 14** In 1287, St. Lucia's flood: The Zuider Zee sea wall in the Netherlands collapses, killing over 50,000 people.
- 15** In 1256, Hulagu Khan captures and destroys the Hashshashin stronghold at Alamut in present-day Iran as part of the Mongol offensive on Islamic southwest Asia.
- 16** In 1497, Vasco da Gama rounds the Cape of Good Hope, the point where Bartolomeu Dias had previously turned back to Portugal.
- 17** In 1531, Pope Clement VII establishes a parallel body to the Inquisition in Lisbon, Portugal.

- 18** In 1271, Kublai Khan renames his empire "Yuan" (元 yuán), officially marking the start of the Yuan Dynasty of Mongolia and China.
- 19** In 1490, Anne, Duchess of Brittany, is married to Maximilian I, Holy Roman Emperor, by proxy.
- 20** In 1192, Richard the Lion-Heart is captured and imprisoned by Leopold V of Austria on his way home to England after signing a treaty with Saladin ending the Third crusade.
- 21** In 1598, the Battle of Curalaba: The revolting Mapuche, led by cacique Pelentaru, inflict a major defeat on Spanish troops in southern Chile; all Spanish cities south of the Biobio river are eventually taken by the Mapuches, and all conquest of Mapuche territories by Europeans practically ceases,
- 22** In 1248, the Muslim city of Seville in southern Spain surrenders to King Ferdinand III of Castile and León.
- 23** In 962, during the Byzantine-Arab Wars: Under the future Emperor Nicephorus Phocas, Byzantine troops stormed the city of Aleppo
- 24** In 563, the Byzantine church Hagia Sophia in Constantinople is dedicated for the second time after being destroyed by earthquakes.
- 25** In 1000, The foundation of the Kingdom of Hungary: Hungary is established as a Christian kingdom by Stephen I of Hungary.
- 26** In 1481, at the Battle of Westbrook, Holland defeats troops of Utrecht.
- 27** In 1512, The Spanish Crown issues the Laws of Burgos, governing the conduct of settlers with regards to native Indians in the New World.
- 28** In 1065, Westminster Abbey is consecrated.
- 29** In 1170, Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, is assassinated inside Canterbury Cathedral by followers of King Henry II; he subsequently becomes a saint and martyr in the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church.
- 30** In 1066, the Granada massacre: A Muslim mob storms the royal palace in Granada, crucifies Jewish vizier Joseph ibn Naghrela and massacres most of the Jewish population of the city.
- 31** In 1229, James I of Aragon the Conqueror enters Medina Mayurqa (now known as Palma, Spain) thus consummating the Christian conquest of the island of Majorca.