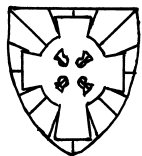


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## Calendar of Events

(From the Kingdom Calendar)

### March 2010 (AS XLIV)

5-7 ..... OPEN  
12-14 ..... Out of Kingdom: Gulf War XIX (14th - 21st) - Gleann Abhann  
19-21 ..... Out of Kingdom: Gulf War XIX (14th - 21st) - Gleann Abhann  
26-28 ..... OPEN

### April 2010 (AS XLIV)

2-4 ..... Elfsea Defender- Elfsea (Ft. Worth, TX)  
9-11 ..... Lysts at Castleton - Bryn Gwlad/Bjornsborg (Austin, TX)  
Wiesenfeuer Baronials - Wiesenfeuer (Oklahoma City, OK)  
16-18 ..... Stargate Baronials - Stargate (Houston, TX)  
Eldern XXXII - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)  
23-25 ..... Champions of Bonwicke - Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)  
Bordermarch Baronials - Bordermarch (Beaumont, TX)  
Defender of the Flame - Glaslyn (Denton, TX)

## Populace Meetings

April 6 ..... 8:00PM Rudder 407

May 4 ..... 8:00PM Rudder 407

## 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
Brewers	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 6:30PM	TBA check the list	Lord Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com
Blacksmithing	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 6:30 PM	Bastian's house	Lord Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com
Cooking	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 7:00PM	Isabelot's House	HL Isabelot isabelotdeforess@gmail.com
Dance	1,2,4 Sun 7:00PM	266 G. Rollie White	Lady Morina elwenaduialloth@yahoo.com
Italian Dance	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 6:00PM	General Services Complex Lobby	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

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## The Shadow Notes

The office of Shire Treasurer is no longer accepting applications. The new Treasurer will be Kolfinna in Kyrie. The offices of Knight Marshal and Web Minister are still open and accepting applications.

Sir Rhodri will be away on an ocean voyage all this summer. If anyone is interested in applying for his office as Seneschal, please feel free... A new permanent Seneschal would be better than a temporary, place-holding interim Seneschal.

The Bender's Guild has a batch of wheat beer brewed, reroaked, and fermenting... It'll be ready to bottle late this month.

There will be NO Italian Dance or Cooking Guild in March, as both of these fall during War. There will be no guild meetings or fighter practices between March 13 and March 21 inclusive. Well, there might be, but they will be held in Mississippi. Go to War!

We may be having a New Year's Eve Revel this year on April 30, or, in keeping with Shadowlands ancient tradition, April 31. Watch the list or next month's newsletter for more details. The SCA New Year falls on May 1.

Congratulations to Lord Stephen Crowley, who was recognized for his deeds both on and off the field at Bjornsborg Academy of Defense.

### Thanks and Credits

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## Officer Reports

### From the Seneschal

The cold weather has had a bad effect on all our activities here in the Shadowlands, particularly for fighter practice. Looking forward to seeing the weather improve and people back on field. If you feel like you are not progressing, speak to the marshal and find out what you need to do to move forward.

Gulf Wars is right around the corner and there are over 20 Shadowlanders going (at least by counting pre-registrations). That is great and I look forward to seeing you all there. For those who did not pre-register, if your plans change, you can still go. It is an amazing event and well worth the drive.

On a personal note, my office is hereby open for applications which must be received by Southern Regional Seneschal by the end of April. I will once again be traveling for work this summer and would like to have a replacement chosen in May before I leave in June.

Rhodri

### From the Treasurer

**NO REPORT RECEIVED!**

### From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

**NO REPORT RECEIVED!**

### From the Chivalric Marshal

**NO REPORT RECEIVED!**

### From the Hospitaller

**NO REPORT RECEIVED!**

From the Rapier Marshal

**NO REPORT RECEIVED!**

From the Web Minister

**NO REPORT RECEIVED!**

From the Chronicler

Sorry this is late. Life happens. Sorry also that there is so little...  
Thanks Rhodri for the officer report.

Lord Paedric  
Chronicler

From the Historian

In February was held a small, spur of the moment Mardi Gras Revel.

Lord Paedric  
Historian

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blank due to a lack  
of officer reports.**

## Poetry Corner

This month's poem was written by Orazio da Assissi shortly after last year's Gulf War, and first appeared in the April AS XLIII issue of *The Shadow Knows*. Many thanks to Orazio for allowing me to reprint it this year in the pre-war issue.

### I Hear the War Drums Beat Upon the Wind By Orazio da Assissi

I hear the war drums beat upon the wind  
Lighting in me a smold'ring, sable fire  
I'll follow this melody to its end  
And fight for my great kingdom and my shire

The time has come, my honor now at stake  
Ansteorra creates its battle rows  
And my kingdom's spirit they cannot take  
I dip my blade in the blood of my foes

After the battles lost and battles won  
All those who call our noble kingdom home  
Turned west homeward beneath the setting sun  
Shouting "Victory!" wherever they roam

So stoke the sable fire within your heart  
Until, to war, again, we all depart

## This Month in the Middle Ages – March

1. In 1555 Nostradamus publishes his prophecies, entitled "Centuries"
2. In 1484 Issuance of Letters Patent by King Richard III of England, founding the English College of Arms
3. In 1503 Caesar Borgia given the Papal Golden Rose
4. In 1152 Fredrick I "Barbarossa" elected King of Germany
5. In 1432 Treaty of Rennes between France and Brittany
6. 1454 – Thirteen Years' War: Delegates of the Prussian Confederation pledge allegiance to King Casimir IV of Poland who agrees to commit his forces in aiding the Confederation's struggle for independence from the Teutonic Knights.
7. In 1530 The Pope refuses the request for a divorce by Henry VIII of England
8. 1126 – Alfonso VII is proclaimed king of Castile and Leon, after the death of his mother Urraca.
9. 1230 AD – Bulgarian tsar Ivan Asen II defeats Theodore of Epirus in the Battle of Klokotnitsa.
10. 1549 – Death of Thomas Seymour, 1st Baron Seymour of Sudeley, English politician and diplomat
11. In 1514 Death of Bramante; Raphael takes over the building of St. Peter's
12. In 1173 Canonization of St. Thomas a Becket
13. 1138 – Cardinal Gregorio Conti is elected Antipope as Victor IV, succeeding Anacletus II.
14. 1489 – The Queen of Cyprus, Catherine Cornaro, sells her kingdom to Venice.
15. In 1147 Alphonso I, King of Portugal, takes the fortress of Santarem from the Moors
16. 1521 – Ferdinand Magellan reaches the Philippines.
17. In 1525 Muenzer's Bundschuh (Peasant Revolt) "Die Gedanken Sind Frei"
18. In 1584 Death of Ivan IV, "the Terrible," Czar of Russia
19. In 1307 The Douglas Larder: Douglas Castle, Scotland, was captured and destroyed by it's owner, the Black Douglas
20. 1600 – The Linköping Bloodbath takes place on Maundy Thursday in Linköping, Sweden.
21. In 1152 Annullment of the marriage of King Louis VII of France and Elanor of Aquitaine
22. In 1312 Burning of Jacques De Molay, Grand Master of the Templars
23. In 1540 Waltham Abbey, the last remaining monastery in England, seized by Henry VIII, King of England
24. In 1267 Louis IX, King of France, takes the Cross for the 7th Crusade
25. In 1252 Excommunication of Manfred, self-appointed King of Sicily
26. In 1443 Mairgret O'Carroll, of Ireland, holds a feast, with 2700 in attendance
27. In 1559 Earl of Essex sent to put down a rebellion in Ireland
28. In 1380 Gunpowder first used in Europe, by the Venetians against the Genoese
29. In 0502 Gundobad, King of the Burgundians, issues a new legal code that brings Romans and Burgundians under the same law
30. In 1536 Strangulation of Ibrahim, Grand Vizier of Turkey
31. In 1152 Baldwin III, King of Jerusalem, exiles his mother, Melisande.

# Help Wanted

I will not be able to attend Gulf War this year, but I would VERY MUCH like to hear what happens there. To that end, I would like to hire any and everyone in the Shire as a **WAR CORRESPONDANT**. If I get ten or more usable submissions, this may become a monthly feature of TSK.

Anyone who submits a War Report will receive largesse and word fame. The top three submissions will receive some kind of neat prizes. Deadline to be eligible for prizes will be April 28<sup>th</sup>. Early submissions before March 31<sup>st</sup> will receive **BONUS LARGESSE**. Prizes will be announced at the May 4<sup>th</sup> populace meeting. Largesse will be given upon receipt.

I am not too particular as to what form submissions might take. Anything from a detailed AAR/Ops debrief from some of our military minded rapier fighters to songs, photo essays, sketches, all good. An account of the fighting, Chivalric or rapier, with enough detail to be worked into a bardic piece could get you a co-author credit (maybe someday...) A piece submitted in the form of a Norse Saga (think Beowulf) or iambic pentameter (like Shakespeare) or rhymed couplets in Middle English (Chaucer) and ... wow, I might be able to make you famous.

Specific topics that might be covered include:

Combat reports, especially great deeds performed by Shadowlanders on the field.

Awards, especially if given to Shadowlanders.

Outcome of the War Points. (Anyone want to bet it is a tie?)

A funny thing happened on the way to... (War, the list field, merchant's Row, 5 Corners, camp, etc)

Classes

Shopping

Anything else you might think is worth writing about.

Please note that these are just suggested topics, and your War report need not (and probably should not) cover all of them.

Y'all have fun at the War, but don't forget to let me know how much fun you had.

# Shadowfire Outfitters

## Equipping Shadowlanders for War since AS XXXVI

Since I will not be attending War this year, I have a good deal of equipment available if anybody needs to use it.

1. One large tent, suitable for 1 or 2 with lots of stuff, or 6 – 8 with a little stuff. Tent comes with ground cloth and (optional) rain tarp with support poles. Rain tarp is oversized and can provide ~ 6 ft. deep front porch. Total assembled size approx 25' x 20' with rain tarp, 18' x 12' without tarp. The tent is NOT very waterproof, I would recommend using the rain tarp.
2. One short cloak, red wool, very warm
3. One great cloak, reversible, red and blue corduroy.
4. Chairs, sleeping bags

The wool cloak, being wool, is naturally somewhat water-repellant, and will help retain warmth even if soaked through. The corduroy great cloak, not so much, although it could be scotch-garded before war to help it repel water.

Any or all of these items are available for rent, for the low, low price of one (1) event report (see Help Wanted Ad on page 10) and one (1) Gulf War souvenir for any or all.

Of course, I would expect all borrowed items to be returned in a condition similar to that in which they were loaned... otherwise, there will be cash involved.

I also have other camping equipment, garb, and accessories which may be available on an as needed basis. If you need to borrow a belt, pouch, mug, camp stove, or anything along those lines give me a call, 979-492-9959, or email [paedrics@yahoo.com](mailto:paedrics@yahoo.com) and I'll see what I can do.