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Calendar of Events

(From the Kingdom Calendar)

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)

May 2010 (A.S. XLV)

30-2SCA Birthday Bash – Stargate/Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX)
Beltane - Namron (Norman, OK)
Guardian of the Tor XIX - Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, TX)
7-9Castellan - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)
14-16Coronation/King's Champion – Mooneschadowe (Stillwater, OK)
21-23Queen's Champion - Glaslyn (Denton, TX)
28-31Steppes Warlord - Steppes (Dallas, TX)
Memorial Day Weekend

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Populace Meetings

May 4.....8:00PM Rudder 407
June 1.....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 Connor benjamin.white@gmail.com

Guilds

Guild	Time	Location	Contact
Brewers	2 nd &4 th Wed 6:30PM	TBA check the list	Lord Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com
Blacksmithing	1 st Wed 6:30 PM	Bastian's house	Lord Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com
Cooking	3 rd Wed 7:00PM	Isabelot's House	HL Isabelot isabelotdeforess@gmail.com
Dance	1,2,4 Sun 7:00PM	266 G. Rollie White	Lady Morina elwenuadialloth@yahoo.com
Italian Dance	3 rd Sunday 6:00PM	General Services Complex Lobby	Lady Morina elwenuadialloth@yahoo.com
Musicians	1 st Mon 7:00PM	Brigid's Apt	Lady Brigid sarah.gray.88@gmail.com
Scribes	2 nd & 4 th Mon 7:30PM	Kaitlyn's house	Lady Luciana pchanjeni@sbcglobal.net
Singing	3 rd Mon 7:00PM	Brigid's Apt	Lady Brigid sarah.gray.88@gmail.com

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The Shadow Notes

Congratulations to Don Conner MacGillivray, who became a member of the Ansteorran Order of the White Scarf at Gulf War XIX.

Congratulations to Lord Stephen Crowley, who was awarded the Jeweled Ring of Gleann Abhann by Her Majesty, Anora, also at Gulf War.

Many thanks to Orazio d'Assisi for donating a folding table to the Shire.

I just realized that I have held the position of Historian for the Shire of the Shadowlands for over 2 ½ years. Since I was appointed for a 2 year term, I guess it is time to open the position for applications. If anybody is interested, send an Ansteorran Application for Office to the Southern Regional Historian at southern-historian@chronicler.ansteorra.org , with copies to me, shadowlandschronicler@yahoo.com , and to the Shadowlands seneschal, shadowlands.seneschal@gmail.com . If no one is interested, that's OK too, I don't mind doing the work.

The offices of Seneschal, Knight Marshal, Archery Marshal, and Minister of Arts and Sciences are all also accepting applications. Seneschal and Archery Marshal close at the end of this month.

The office of Southern Regional Treasurer is accepting applications. Apply to the Crown and HL Isabelot.

The office of Orbis (Southern Regional) Herald is accepting applications. See the announcement on page 6.

The TAMU Nautical Archeology department will be hosting a guest lecturer on the subject of Viking longships on Friday, April 23. This is not an SCA activity, but might be of interest to several of our members. For more info go to http://nautarch.tamu.edu/shipwreck_weekend/schedule.html.

Thanks and Credits

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Officer Reports

From the Seneschal

Gulf Wars was fantastic! Shadowlands came out in force and had a great time. We fielded the largest chivalric fighting force in many years with 6 chiv fighters and 2 archers. The coastal commander gifted us with a staff of rattan for our efforts. We shot archery, danced, fought, played, shopped, went to classes, and had fun. The Capital of Ansteorra also marched in the opening ceremonies and looked great.

Reminder that we need to select student officers at our pop meeting in April. If you are interested sign up for the classes quickly.

There are still positions open and needing people to fill them, including mine. This is not a job to be scared of. It requires you to talk to people, send emails, and keep track of what is going on in the group. Paperwork is there, but not too bad, and I don't like paperwork.

Knight Marshall is also accepting applications as is Arts and Sciences and Web Minister. Please volunteer and help out if you can. It is a good way to pick up some management skills and learn more about the SCA.

Still looking for event suggestions for next year. Several overall themes proposed including something based on Princess Bride (I don't think this mean what you think it means), Norse Sagas/Myths, and Men in Tights. Keeping throwing ideas in, something will stick. We would like to get the planning done over the summer and be ready to commence preparations in the fall.

Keep having fun!

Rhodri

From the Outgoing Treasurer

As announced at the last populace meeting Kolfinna will be taking over as treasurer this month. Please make her job as easy as you've made mine. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Catan

From the Incoming Treasurer

Hello all! I'm the new treasurer. Catan and I are in the process of switching over the office and it's looking to be a pretty easy transfer. What with all the loaning and prep done for War, I'm planning to take inventory of Shire property. I hope to complete this by May 15th. So, rummage through your garages and start trying to locate things you have borrowed from the Shire. Any help will be much appreciated. Thanks!"

--kolfinna

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

This office is now open for applications. I will be graduating in May (if all goes well), and will not be able to continue as MOAS. If you have any questions about being MOAS, feel free to come and ask me.

Guilds continue with good attendance, from what I hear. Dance has had declining attendance, so go support dance if you can! And bring a friend! Brewing and Charter Painting continue, watch the list for updates. If anyone wants to start up a guild or do an A&S night, please let me know!

-Brigid

From the Chivalric Marshal

First, the business end. Practices will continue on Thursday nights, 7:00 at Simpsons Drill Field, unless notified otherwise. For anybody staying in town this summer, when's a good day for practice? Perhaps a change of venue?

Reminder, my position is still open for applications. It will now close as soon as an acceptable applicant applies, so if you want it, get on it.

Now the fun side. Gulf war was awesome. George and Vredle(sp?) did awesome.

So awesome that they received sword rattan from (soon to be sir) master Modius. The Capitol Guard received some very kind words of praise from their highnesses. And we made a big hit with our Castle Tours sign. Thanks to everybody who supported the fighters in any way. I consider you all part of the auxiliary division of the Capitol Guard (in a very real and legally binding way). Looking forward to the tournament season coming up.

For those of you who are now authorized and still borrowing loaner gear, let's get to work on your fighting kits so you can get out into the tournaments and events of the spring and summer.

Keep your stick on the ice,
Bastian Eisengart

From the Hospitaler

NO REPORT RECEIVED!

From the Rapier Marshal

Practices continue on Thursday nights, same Rapier Time, Same Rapier Place (Simpson Drill Field 7 PM, Thursdays). Attendance has been small, if Thursday nights are inconvenient for people, please let me know and I will arrange practice on a different night (or perhaps 2 practices if people are interested). An option is to do Sunday afternoon practices at Austin Colony Park. If you are interested in such an option, please let me know.

Gulf Wars Report: Shadowlanders were out in force dressed in splendid tunics. Lord Stephen Crowley was inducted into the Order of the Jeweled Ring, by Her Majesty Gleann Abhann, Onora II, following the Trimaran Tournament for his skill and comportment on the field. Lord Crowley Received a prize for the most number of wins in the Trimaran

tournament. Don Connor MacGillivray was inducted in to the Order of the White Scarf on the field during the Champions Battle and received a scarf from Genevria, Queen of Ansteorra and a token from Marguerite ingen Lachlann, Princess of the East to commemorate the occasion.

In Service,
-Don Connor MacGillivray

From the Web Minister

If anyone has anything they would like posted on the web site or group calendar, please let me know. If anyone would like to apply for the position of Web Minister, please send your application to Rhodri, the Kingdom Web Minister (Southern regional is open for bids), and myself. Thank you.

Catan

From the Chronicler

Wow! Officer reports from all but one of the officers, and two from the treasurer's office. A big THANK YOU! To Lady Brenna McDonald for the cover photo, a picture of Sir Godwin of Eddington crashing through the Ring of Fire some years ago at Quest for the Pretty Good Mug. Thank you also to Sir Godwin for being a good sport and consenting to be on the cover. More thanks to Coblaithe Muimnech, the outgoing Orbis (Southern Regional Herald), for her announcement about the position being open. Always happy to publish something I didn't have to write myself. So far I have received only one war report, which arrived too late for this issue and will appear next month. I have been promised a second and offered a third, but it's not too late for anybody else who wants to write something... Remember – write something, submit it by April 30, and get free stuff!

Pædric
Chronicler

From the Historian

And in March of that same year the Shadowlands did hold a small drum revel in preparation for War. It was, in fact, more revel than drumming, but that's okay too. And the Shadowlands did send a large contingent of twenty-two to Gulf War XIX to fight off the invading hordes from Trimaris. It was there that Don Connor MacGillivray received a white Scarf, and he was the third to earn that accolade while living in the Shadowlands, but the first in many years. Also at Gulf War did Lord Stephen Crowley, Champion to her Majesty Genevria, receive the Jeweled Ring of Gleann Abhann by the hand of Her Majesty, Anora, Queen of Gleann Abhann. And in that same month did the Shire Brewing Guild bottle its first batch of beer.

In Service,
Lord Pædric OMullan
Historian

This Month in the Middle Ages – April

- 1 In 1401 Conway Castle taken by Welsh rebels under William and Rhys ap Twdr
- 2 In 1502 Death of Arthur, Prince of Wales, elder brother of Henry VIII of England
- 3 1043 – Edward the Confessor is crowned King of England.
- 4 1081 – Alexios I Komnenos is crowned Byzantine Emperor at Constantinople, beginning the Komnenian dynasty.
- 5 456 – St. Patrick returns to Ireland as a missionary bishop.
- 6 1199 – King Richard I of England dies from an infection following the removal of an arrow from his shoulder.
- 7 1521 – Ferdinand Magellan arrives at Cebu.
- 8 In 1546 The Roman Catholic Church accepts the Apocrypha at the Council of Trent
- 9 In 0787 Pepin, King of France, installs an Organ in the church of St. Cornielle at Compiègne
- 10 1500 – Ludovico Sforza is captured by the Swiss troops at Novara and is handed over to the French.
- 11 In 1240 Death of Llywelyn the Great
- 12 In 1567 The Earl of Bothwell acquitted of the murder of Darnley
- 13 In 1387 The Travelers of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" begin their journey
- 14 In 0972 Marriage of Otto II, Holy Roman Emperor, to Theophano, Princess of the Eastern Roman Empire
- 15 In 1285 A Ghost dances at the wedding of Alexander III, King of Scots, and Joleteta, daughter of the Count de Dreux, at Jedburgh
- 16 In 1071 Capture of Bari, Italy, by the Normans
- 17 In 1536 Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor, challenges Francis I, King of France, to personal combat
- 18 In 1479 Reconstruction of the Japanese Imperial Palace begins, after it, and the city of Kyoto were destroyed in a Civil War
- 19 1529 – At the Second Diet of Speyer, a group of rulers and independent cities protests the reinstatement of the Edict of Worms, beginning the Protestant Reformation.
- 20 1453 – The last naval battle in Byzantine history occurs, as three Genoese galleys escorting a Byzantine transport fight their way through the huge Ottoman blockade fleet and into the Golden Horn.
- 21 1509 – Henry VIII ascends the throne of England on the death of his father, Henry VII.
- 22 1529 – Treaty of Saragossa divides the eastern hemisphere between Spain and Portugal along a line 297.5 leagues or 17° east of the Moluccas.
- 23 In 1564 birth of William Shakespeare, playwright
- 24 1558 – Mary, Queen of Scots, marries the Dauphin of France, François, at Notre Dame de Paris.
- 25 In 1324 An entry in the Journal de la Chambre of King Edward II shows pence a day paid to one "Robyn Hod" for service to the King
- 26 In 1478 An attempt is made on the life of Lorenzo de Medici; Giuliano de Medici murdered
- 27 In 1546 William Foxley sleeps for 14 days and 15 nights, cause unknown
- 28 In 1559 Elizabeth's "Act of Uniformity" is passed by Parliament
- 29 In 1429 Joan of Arc enters Orleans (100 Yrs War)
- 30 In 0535 Theodahad, King of the Ostrogoths, has his wife Amalasantha, daughter of Justinian, Emperor of the East, strangled

The Shadow Reader

By Lord Pádric O'Mullan

Title – Queen Of Swords

Author – Judith Tarr

Publisher – Tom Doherty Associates, 1997

Queen of Swords tells the story of Melisende, Queen of Jerusalem. Melisende was the eldest daughter of Baldwin II, third King of the Frankish Kingdom of Jerusalem. Baldwin II had no sons, and law and custom prohibited a queen from reigning in her own right, so Melisende was married off to Fulk of Anjou, who became king upon Baldwin's death. Melisende bore Fulk two sons, Baldwin and Amoury. When King Fulk died in a hunting accident Melisende became regent during the early years of Baldwin III's reign, a position of power she would hold for several years, and would not willingly give up, even as her son came of age.

I found this to be a very well-written and entertaining book, full of battles between the Christians and Muslims, long marches through the desert, and court intrigues. The characters are interesting and believable, and the story moves along at a rapid pace, spanning more than twenty-five years.

I am not an expert on the years of the Crusades, but based on other sources I have read, and according to her own author's note at the end of the book, Judith Tarr followed the course of history closely, and introduced only a few fictional characters to her tale.

Judith Tarr has written several other books as well, mostly about ancient Egypt and about Conquest and Norman England. The books about England have a strong theme of magic, and would therefore be categorized as historical fantasy rather than historical fiction, but I enjoyed reading them and would recommend them to anyone who likes these genres.

Applications Being Taken for Office of Orbis Herald

Orbis Herald serves the Southern Region of Ansteorra, supervising the efforts of all branch heralds and seeing to the heraldic needs of anyone who doesn't have one. The position is largely administrative. Orbis receives monthly reports from branch heralds and sends quarterly reports to Star Principal Herald, accepts heraldic submissions from gentles living in crown lands and in branches without branch heralds, and assists with the resolution of any issues related to heraldry that might arise within the region. Orbis also appoints new branch heralds as necessary, is expected to arrange one regional consultation table per quarter, and is responsible for ensuring that heraldic education happens across the region. More details about the position can be found in Part III.A of the Kingdom of Ansteorra Administrative Handbook for Herald's (online at

http://heraldry.ansteorra.org/docs/COH_Admin_Handbook.pdf)

The current Orbis Herald will complete her term of service at the end of May. Applications for the position are being accepted by Star Principal Herald through April 30th. If you would like to apply, please send a fully completed Kingdom of Ansteorra Application for Office (available at <http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf>) to Star and the current Orbis and send Star a scan or photocopy of your photo ID and your current S.C.A. membership card. The physical mailing addresses for both officers are in the back of the Black Star, and they can also be reached by e-mail at "kingdom" and "southern", respectively, at herald.ansteorra.org.

If you have any questions about the position or the application process, contact Orbis or Star. Either would be happy to assist.