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Calendar of Events

From the Kingdom Calendar)

November 2010 (A.S. XLV)

5-7..... Coronation - Shadowlands (Bryan/College Station, TX)
12-14..... Queen's Champion - Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX)
19-21 Autumn Melees - Bordermarch (Beaumont, TX)
26-28 Thanksgiving Weekend

December 2010(A.S. XLV)

3-5 Wiesenfeuer Yule Revel - Wiesenfeuer (Oklahoma City, OK)
Stargate Yule. - Stargate (Houston, TX)
10-12..... Baronial College - Elfsea (Fort Worth, TX)
17-19..... OPEN
24-26..... Christmas Weekend

Populace Meetings

Tuesday, December 07, 2010 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Rudder T 308
January 3?, 2011 TBA

Practices

| Practice | Time | Location | Contact |
|-----------|-------------|----------------------|--|
| Archery | Sun 3:00PM | Austin's Colony Park | Ronald ronald_the_archer@yahoo.com |
| Chivalric | Thur 7:30PM | Spence Park | Lord Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com |
| Rapier | Thur 7:00PM | Spence Park | Don Connor benjamin.white@gmail.com |

Guilds

| Guild | Time | Location | Contact |
|---------------|---|---------------------|---|
| Brewers | 2 nd &4 th Wed 6:30 | Catan's House | Josef cj2308@yahoo.com |
| Blacksmithing | 1 st Wed 6:30 PM | Bastian's house | Josef cj2308@yahoo.com |
| Cooking | 3 rd Wed 7:00PM | Isabelot's House | HL Isabelot isabelotdeforess@gmail.com |
| Dance | Sun 7:00PM | 256 G. Rollie White | Lady Morina elwenaduialloth@yahoo.com |
| Scribes | 2 nd &4 th Mon 7:00 | Kaitlyn's house | Lady Luciana pchjanjeni@sbcglobal.net |

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The Shadow Notes

There are currently several offices in the shire accepting applications. If you are interested in applying for any of them, you MUST be a paid member of the SCA. (You can sign up online at: <https://membership.sca.org/>, or print forms to sign up by mail at: <http://sca.org/members/membershipforms.html>) To apply for an office, send an Ansteorran Application for Office (available at: <http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf>) along with proof of membership and proof of identity (a copy of your driver's license) to the Southern Regional officer for the office in question (addresses available in the back of the *Black Star*) and a courtesy copy to the local Seneschal, Sir Rhodri, and the current holder of the office. Trust me, it is easier than it sounds.

Congratulations to Lord Bastian, who won the overall championship and a very nice prize at the Gate's Edge Fall Festival. Bastian competed in The Armored Combat Tournament and the Bardic Competition, and while he didn't win either, at evening court he turned out to be the only remaining competitor who had entered more than one event.

The morals of this story:

1. When competing at an event with an overall championship, enter as many events as you can, even if you don't expect to do well. It never hurts to try.
2. STAY FOR EVENING COURT!

Congratulations to mistress Kaitlyn McKenna, who received a Sable Talon for her skill in archery at the Battle of three Commanders.

Useful Websites for Newcomers

<http://sca.org/> - SCA Inc. web page
<http://ansteorra.org/> - The Texas/Oklahoma Kingdom web page
<http://shadowlands.ansteorra.org/> - the Bryan/College Station chapter web page
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shadowlandssca/> - the Shire email list used for discussion, announcements, and activity planning

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Officer Reports

From the Seneschal

Preparations are in full swing for Coronation. Many thanks to all the people who have already contributed their time and efforts to the work and those who have volunteered for helping out with the event.

I encourage anyone interested in helping with an office to apply, at least as a deputy. The Shire has several positions open and can really use your support. It is not that hard and is a great opportunity to learn more about our shire and the SCA. We are currently looking for a Chivalric Marshal, Rapier Marshal, and deputy Seneschal. If you are interested in some other office, talk to the officer and become a deputy. A great low pressure way to learn how the office works.

It is never too early to start planning for Gulf Wars. This is a fantastic event and a lot of fun. If you are planning on going, start preparing now so that you have enough garb, camp gear, and other items ready for the week of entertainment. For those who are planning on fighting, train hard to get your authorization in time.

Everyone plan on coming to the populace meeting in December as we have something special planned. Watch for an announcement changing the time and place to a more "appropriate" venue.

Thanks

Rhodri

From the Treasurer

The shire has money. The Shire has spent money, mostly on Coronation. Hopefully, when all the income and expenses from Coronation are tallied up, the shire will have made more than it spent. If you have questions or want exact numbers, contact the Shire Treasurer at: shadowlands.treasurer@gmail.com

From the Hospitaller

If you are new to the SCA and/or the Shire of the shadowlands, please contact Alfrun at: morgan.wagnon@yahoo.com for help in getting started. Loaner garb, feast gear, and camping equipment is available.

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

Dance, Brewing, Blacksmithing, and Cooking guilds have all been meeting. Charter painting in October was replaced by Coronation decoration preparation, but should be back on schedule in November. For more information, contact Lady Morina at: elwenaduialloth@yahoo.com

From the Armored Combat Marshal

Fighter practice continues at 7:30PM on Thursdays near the gazebo in Spence Park on the A&M Campus. Those interested in fighting should wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, and closed-toed shoes. Males MUST have groin protection. Watch the list for cancellations due to weather, holidays, The office of Armored Combat Marshal is accepting applications, and must be filled soon. . For more information contact Lord Bastian at: jed.tressler@gmail.com

From the Rapier Marshal

Fighter practice continues at 7:00PM on Thursdays near the gazebo in Spence Park on the A&M Campus. Those interested in fighting should wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, and closed-toed shoes. Males MUST have groin protection. Watch the list for cancellations due to weather, holidays, or men with plastic rifles. The office of Rapier Marshal is accepting applications. For more information contact Don Connor at: benjamin.white@gmail.com

From the Archery Marshal

Greetings Shadowlanders,

It has been a busy month! On the first weekend of October, we were on the winning side at the Battle of Three Commanders, thanks, in part, to a good showing by our archers. On the second weekend, the majority of archers participating in Gate's Edge Celtic Harvest Event & Royal Huntsman Tournament where fielded by the shire! And finally, on the fourth weekend, we had War of the Ages, where the shire's combat archers placed accurate and withering fire on our enemies. Great fun was had by all. On the local front, we averaged 5 archers at each archery practice, during October.

The fall tournament season is winding down for archery. In November, we only have one event that has archery, Bordermarch Autumn Melees (BAM) on Nov. 19-21. This event will have **target archery** and **combat archery**. And speaking of combat archery, if any archers in the shire want to participate in combat archery at Gulf War XX in March, preparations need to start now. Accumulating equipment and getting authorized takes time!

And as always, archery practice is Sundays, 3 - 5 PM, at the archery range in Austin 's Colony Park . Newcomers and novices welcome. Loaner equipment will be available. Watch the list for updates!

Ronald

From the Chronicler

Greetings!

I am now in the twenty-first month of my 2 year term as Shadowlands Chronicler. Therefore I am opening the office for applications at this time. If you are interested in publishing *The Shadow Knows*, please send an Ansteorran Application for Office (available at <http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf>) to the Southern Regional Chronicler (southern@chronicler.ansteorra.org) with courtesy copies to Sir Rhodri and myself. If no one is interested in taking the office, that is OK too, as the hardest part of being Chronicler is getting submissions from people, and I've managed to survive that for the last 2 years...

Thank you to everyone who gave submissions for this month's issue. Thanks for nothing to everyone who didn't.

A special THANK YOU is in order for Ronald fitz Robert, who printed the September and October issues (and hopefully this one too) of *The Shadow Knows* at no cost to the Shire.

In service,
Lord Paedric

From the Historian

In October of that year a large contingent from the Shire did travel to the Battle of Three Commanders, where they were on the victorious side. It was at that same event that Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna did receive a Sable Talon for her skills in archery. In that same month did Lord Bastian Eisengart win the overall championship at the Gate's Edge Fall Festival. And much preparing was done for the Coronation of Ulsted and Ebergardis to be hosted by the Shire that November.

In service,
Lord Paedric

From the Web Minister

You can visit the Shire web page at: <http://shadowlands.ansteorra.org/>
If there is any information you would like to see added or updated, or anything you feel should be removed, please contact the Web Minister at: vs.shadowlands@gmail.com

This Month in the Middle Ages – November

1. In 1141 The rebel Earl of Gloucester exchanged for King Stephen of England
2. In 1483 Execution of the Duke of Buckingham by Richard III
3. In 1517 The Emperor Maximilian bans "self-igniting" handguns. The ban is cheerfully ignored
4. In 1429, Joan of Arc liberated Saint-Pierre-le-Moûtier.
5. In 1193 Council of Compigne nullified King Philip II of France's marriage to Ingeborg of Denmark
6. In 1289 The son of Edward I, King of England, is betrothed to the Maid of Norway
7. In 680 the Sixth Ecumenical Council opened, at Constantinople
8. In 1307 Rebellion erupts in Switzerland, to oust the Austrians
9. In 1225 Marriage of Frederick II, Holy Roman Emperor, to Yolande, Princess of Jerusalem.
10. In 1526 Election of John Zapolya as King of Hungary
11. In 1012 Date of a supposed Viking carving near Heavener, Oklahoma
12. In 1381 Adolphus, Count of Cleves, institutes the Order of Fools
13. In 532, birth of Augustine of Canterbury, Archbishop of Canterbury (d. 604)
14. In 1587 Cavendish, an English sea-rover, captures "Great St. Anne," a Spanish treasure galleon
15. In 1591 Execution of Barnabe Brisson, President of the Parliament of Paris
16. In 1326 Edward II, King of England, captured by his wife and Barons
17. In 1556 Ferdinand founds a military council to govern the German possessions of the Hapsburgs.
18. In 1307 William Tell shoots the apple off his son's head
19. In 0766 Death of Ecgbert, founder of the Cathedral School of York
20. In 0869 Death of St. Edmund, King of the East Angles, killed by the Danes at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, England
21. In 1551 Francis Xavier leaves Japan for Goa, India
22. In 1247 Death of Robin Hood (according to Winken de Ward, printer, 1n 1495)
23. In 1407 Louis, Duke of Orleans, brother of Charles IV of France, assassinated
24. In 1265 Death of Magnus, last King of the Isle of Man
25. In 1120 Le Blanche Nef (the White Ship) wrecked; death of William Aetheling, son and heir of King Henry I of England
26. In 783, The Asturian queen Adosinda is put up in a monastery to prevent her kin from retaking the throne from Mauregatus.
27. In 1095, Pope Urban II declares the First Crusade at the Council of Clermont.
28. In 1443, Skanderbeg and his forces liberate Kruja in Middle Albania and raise the Albanian flag.
29. In 1484 Convention of Spanish Inquisitors held; Constitution of the Holy Office written, under Tomas de Torquemada
30. In 539, birth of Gregory of Tours, French bishop and historian (d. 594).



The Shire of the Shadowlands presents
CORONATION IN THE CAPITAL

November 6, 2010 at the SPJST Hall, Caldwell, TX
 (30.526058,-96.684537)

Come gather in the mead hall to celebrate the coronation of

ULSTED & EBERGARDIS

Vie for the title of King's Champion in the morning and stay for the silent auctions. Feast throughout the day in a series of delectable food courses spanning all courts. In the evening, grab a frosty beverage and join in a variety of games and dancing while the Great Officers do business. Site opens at 8 am and closes at 10 pm. Alcohol allowed. No pets allowed. Chairs and tables provided. Merchants please contact the event stewards to reserve space.

Fees(site and feast included):

Adults (ages 18 and up) - \$16.00 NMS - \$5
 Minors (ages 10 – 17) - \$8.00 Child (<10) – Free
 Off-board Adult - \$10.00 Available prepaid only via ACCEPS
 (www.aceps.ansteorra.org) or check **no later than 10/25/10**.

Event Stewards:

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| Robbin Foster | Renee Pitcock |
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Directions: From the intersection of TX-21 and TX-36 in Caldwell, TX. Go south 1 mile on TX-36. The site is on the left at Rodeo Dr.

More information may be found online at
<http://shadowlands.ansteorra.org/coronation>

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. Make checks payable to SCA, Inc. – Shire of the Shadowlands.

The Shadow Reader
By Lord Pædric O'Mullan

Title – *Below the Salt*

Author – Thomas B. Costain

Publisher – Doubleday and Company

Set in the late 12th and early 13th Centuries, *Below the Salt* is a tale of intrigue, a tale of knights and battles, a tale of damsels in distress. Above all, *Below the Salt* is a tale of events in England leading up to, and surrounding, the signing of Magna Charta.

Among the historical characters introduced in the story are such figures as William the Marshal, the Marshal of England, Stephen Langton, Cardinal and Archbishop of Canterbury, and John Lackland, known to history as King John I. Fictional characters such as Sir Richard of Rawen and his squire, Tostig, as well as many other characters, both historical and fictional, help flesh out the story.

Below the Salt is told through the eyes of Tostig, squire to Sir Richard of Rawen, hence the story's title. In that time, seating for meals was determined by status, with higher ranking guests such as nobility, upper clergy, and knights, seated close to the host, and lower ranking guests, such as squires, merchants, and others, further away, below, or beyond, the salt.

In the story, Tostig tells of events and intrigues at the English Court, and of some of the arbitrary acts of the English kings, Richard the Lionheart and his youngest brother John. He tells, for example, of Richard's selection of John to succeed him, passing over Prince Arthur and Princess Eleanor, the children of Richard and John's deceased middle brother, Geoffrey. He further tells of the death of Prince Arthur, captured while trying to claim his birthright, and the harsh imprisonment of the beautiful Princess Eleanor, as well as John's many other harsh and arbitrary acts and his unceasing efforts to force taxes from his barons, which led eventually to John being forced to sign Magna Charta, the distant beginning of constitutional monarchy in England.

I found the characters in *Below the Salt* to be well written and believable, the story interesting and well paced. If anyone is interested in this period of English history, *Below the Salt* is an outstanding and informative tale, with an excellent combination of history and fiction.