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Calendar of Events (From the Kingdom Calendar)

January 2011 (A.S. XLV)

31-2.....Mundane New Years Weekend
7-9..... Steppes 12th Night - Steppes (Dallas, TX)
14-16..... Crown Tournament – Bryn Gwlad
21-23King's Round Table - Stargate
28-30..... Coastal Invasion - Seawinds (Corpus Christi, TX)
Winterkingdom - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)

February 2011 (A.S. XLV)

4-6..... Candlemas - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)
11-13Kingdom A&S - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX)
Out of Kingdom: Estrella War XXVII (14th - 21st) - Atenveldt
18-20Bonwicke Artisans III - Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)
Out of Kingdom: Estrella War XXVII (14th - 21st) - Atenveldt
Presidents' Day Weekend
25-27.....Jagermeister - Ffynnon Gath (San Marcos, TX)

Populace Meetings

February 1, 2011

TBA

March ?, 2011

TBA

Practices

Practice	Time	Location	Contact
Archery	Sun 3:00PM	Austin's Colony Park	Lord Ronald ronald_the_archer@yahoo.com
Chivalric	Thur 7:30PM	Spence Park	Sir Rhodri sir.rhodri@gmail.com
Rapier	Thur 7:00PM	Spence Park	Lady Kolfinna kolfinnakyrie@yahoo.com

Guilds

Guild	Time	Location	Contact
Brewers	2 nd &4 th Wed 6:30	Catan's House	Lord Josef cj2308@yahoo.com
Blacksmithing	1 st Wed 6:30 PM	Bastian's house	Lord 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 pchanjeni@sbcglobal.net

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The Shadow Notes

The office of Knight Marshal is open, and needs to be filled ASAP! Somebody step up!

Congratulations to everybody who became a member of the Order of the Shire of the Shadowlands at the December populace meeting. They were:

Don Connor,
Lord Bastian,
Lady Morina,
Lady Catan,
Lord Ronald,
Lady Luciana,
Lord Lwyllen,
Alfrun,
Lady Kolfinna,
Lord Faolán,
Felix,
Vriedel,
and Taelor.

Congratulations also to Lord Bastian Eisengart, who became a member of the Meritorious Order of the Shire of the Shadowlands, the first in almost 10 years.

Farewell to Lord Bastian, who departs these lands as the shadowlands ambassador to the Kingdom of An Tir.

Keep an eye out for information on Ballhalla, the Shire upcoming off-calendar event. It is tentatively scheduled for Feb 26, but that has not been confirmed at this time. More info in the February *Shadow*.

Thanks and Credits

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Officer Reports

From the Seneschal

December activities slowed down in normal fashion as final exams and holidays took their toll.

We had an excellent turnout for the populace meeting. It was great to see everyone come out to celebrate the end of the semester.

Congratulations to all our new holders of the OSS (Order of the Shire of Shadowlands). It is your hard work that keeps this shire going and growing.

January will be a getting ready month, as everyone returns to the shire and preparations begin for Ballhalla in February and Gulf Wars in March.

Have fun.

Rhodri

From the Treasurer

"Reports, up to November, have been submitted. As of last month's populace, the budget and financial policy have been voted upon, signed, and submitted up the chain of authority. With the November reports, the final totals on Coronation expenses and profits have been tallied. All told we did lose money--total loss was \$258.41--but I think the shire is satisfied with our earnings. Keep eyes and ears out for fund raising opportunities. Too, remember that the shire has again agreed to match, up to \$100, any donation made to the shire. This includes the two dollars that have been sitting in your back pocket for the last three months. Tabards, armor, events all cost money and the populace is instrumental in obtaining that money, both by donation and by fund raising. The holidays are over people. Let's see if we can't get the Shire's heart beating like a teenager in love--we'd have the energy to do everything!"

--Kolfinna inn byrri

From the Hospitaller

If you are new to the SCA and/or the Shire of the Shadowlands, or if you have demo ideas or suggestions, please contact Álfurín at: morgan.wagnon@yahoo.com or 817-526-4786 for help in getting started. Loaner garb, feast gear, and camping equipment are available. Anyone that still has loaner gear should get it back to me as soon as possible.

Thanks!

Alfrun

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

All proceeds as normal. The schedule is in the newsletter. If people have activities they would like to do, they can ask me, either in person or via email.

~ *Morina O'Donovan*

From the Knight's 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 Knight's Marshal is vacant, and must be filled as soon as possible. Applications should be sent to the Coastal Regional Knight's Marshal, with a courtesy copy to Rhodri. For more information contact sir Rhodri at: sir.rhodri@gmail.com

From the Rapier Marshal

All is well on the rapier field. Due to an unexpected appearance of gorgets, the fighters at our most recent practice on Dec 16 were able to introduce themselves to heavy rapiers and shields--a much needed change of pace. Average attendance is 2.5 fighters. Practices will not be held over the holidays due to a pressing need of relaxation and to spend time with families. The first practice of the new year will be held on Jan 13th. Keep an eye on the email list for location.

~ *Kolfinna inn kyrru*

From the Archery Marshal

Greetings and a Happy New Year!

Well, we made it through the holidays, but there didn't seem to be any archery happening at most of the Yule celebrations. We did, however, have an average attendance of 6 archers at archery practice during December.

And once again, a reminder, if you want to participate in combat archery at Gulf War XX in March you should be starting your preparations **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 fits Robert

From the Chronicler

Due to my current financial situation I am currently unable to renew my membership and will be unable to continue as the Shire Chronicler after my membership and warrant expire at the end of February. Anyone interested in filling the position should send an Ansteorra 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 Coastal Regional Chronicler at: coastal@chronicler.ansteorra.org with courtesy copies to Rhodri and myself.

Thanks to all the officers who submitted reports, and especially to Lord Faolan for the cover art.

This month's issue is a little thin, but not much happened in December, and less will happen in the first half of January.

Pedric

From the Historian

In December AS XLV the Shire revived an old tradition, the Order of the Shire of the Shadowlands (OSS), which had not been given in over five years, and another old tradition, the Meritorious Order of the Shire of the Shadowlands (MOSS), which had not been given in about 10 years. Don Connor, Lord Bastian, Lady Morina, Lady Catan, Lord Ronald, Lady Luciana. Lord Lwyllen, Alfrun, Lady Kolfinna, Lord Faolan, Felix, Vriedel, and Taelor all received OSSes in recognition of their active participation and contributions to the Shire. Lord Bastian Eisengart received the MOSS for his long and extensive service to the Shire.

Pedric

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

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