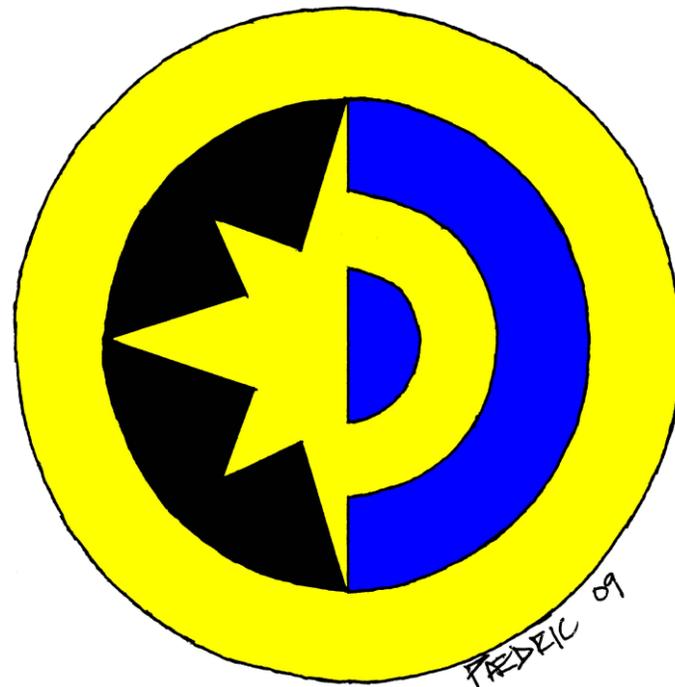


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## Calendar of Events From the Kingdom Calendar)

### February 2011 (A.S. XLV)

4-6..... Candlemas - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)

11-13 ..... Kingdom A&S - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX)

Out of Kingdom: Estrella War XXVII (14th - 21st) - Atenveldt

18-20 ..... Bonwicke 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)

### March 2011 (A.S. XLV)

4-6..... OPEN

11-13..... Out of Kingdom: Gulf War XX (13th - 20th) - Gleann Abhann

18-20..... Out of Kingdom: Gulf War XX (13th - 20th) - Gleann Abhann

25-27A Baronial Investiture at Raven's Fort - Raven's Fort(Huntsville, TX)

### Populace Meetings

March 1, 2011

Time and Location TBA

April 5, 2011

Time and Location TBA

### Practices

Practice	Time	Location	Contact
Archery	Sun 3:00PM	Austin's Colony Park	Lord Ronald <a href="mailto:ronald_the_archer@yahoo.com">ronald_the_archer@yahoo.com</a>
Chivalric	Thur 7:30PM	Bee Creek Park, C.S.	Sir Rhodri <a href="mailto:sir.rhodri@gmail.com">sir.rhodri@gmail.com</a>
Rapier	Thur 7:00PM	Bee Creek Park, C.S.	Lady Kolfinna <a href="mailto:kolfinnakyrie@yahoo.com">kolfinnakyrie@yahoo.com</a>

### Guilds

Guild	Time	Location	Contact
Brewers	2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 6:30	Catan's House	Lord Josef <a href="mailto:cj2308@yahoo.com">cj2308@yahoo.com</a>
Blacksmithing	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 6:30 PM	TBA	Lord Josef <a href="mailto:cj2308@yahoo.com">cj2308@yahoo.com</a>
Cooking	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 7:00PM	Isabelot's House	HL Isabelot <a href="mailto:isabelotdeforess@gmail.com">isabelotdeforess@gmail.com</a>
Dance	Sun 7:00PM	TBA	Lady Morina <a href="mailto:elwenaduialloth@yahoo.com">elwenaduialloth@yahoo.com</a>
Scribes	2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 7:00	Kaitlyn's house	Lady Luciana <a href="mailto:pchanjeni@sbcglobal.net">pchanjeni@sbcglobal.net</a>

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## The Shadow Notes

Congratulations to Prince Lochlan Dunn and Princess Gwen verch Cynwrig de Ynys Mon, the new Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Ansteorra. Sir lochlan defeated Count Hrafn and Sir Randall in the final round.

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

If you are looking here for info on Ball-Halla, you missed it. It was rescheduled to Jan 29 and already happened.

If you want to go to Gulf War it is not too late to preregister. Mail-in reservations closed Jan 31, but ACCEPS remains open until Feb 26. Be sure to list Shadowlands as “Group camping with.”

Congratulations to Lady Morina O'Donovan, who won the Bransle-Off at Ball-Halla, outlasting HL Antonello (1 win, 2 runners-up in 3 tries) in the final round.

Congratulations to Lady Catan ingen Míchíl, who became the newest member of the Meritorious Order of the Shire of the Shadowlands (MOSS) at Ball-Halla.

## Thanks and Credits

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## Officer Reports

### From the Seneschal

The semester has begun with our local fall ball, this time with a Viking theme - Ball-halla.

Fighter Practice on Thursday nights has moved to Bee Creek park (the south of Anderson) due to the worsening condition of our lights. We will be there until further notice. Those who need transportation assistance should post to the list to get rides.

i am still looking for officer volunteers. If you are interested in any office, please contact either the current officer or myself and we will be glad to help you get started either working as a deputy or applying for the office and doing it.

Start preparing for Gulf Wars, it will be here in just a few short weeks. Register online with ACCEPS and don't forget to put Shadowlands in the group camping with so enough land will be reserved for all of us.

*Rhodi*

### From the Treasurer

Here's an update and some thoughts to chew on from your local Exchequer.

First and foremost, the End Of Year financial reports have been completed and sent, as of this evening. Final counts are as follows.

Start Numbers: \$5,127.71  
End Numbers: \$4,881.79  
Total Loss: (245.92)

Dedicated Funds (to total end numbers):

General Fund: 4,701.89  
Archery: 83.94  
Chivalric: 10.00  
Rapier: 10.00  
The Shadow Knows: 75.96

As a reminder to the populace, the Shire's financial policy states that the shire will match funds donated to dedicated funds up to \$100 for purchase of loaner equipment. The Shire lost money this year, and that is something I would like to remedy. I highly recommend that the populace consider the idea of putting on fund raisers for either the Shire in general, or for specific guilds/activities. There are many types of fundraisers we can do. One that was mentioned over the weekend was something along the lines of the profit shares organizations like Fudrucker's and Chik-fil-a do (eat there on a specific day and mention your group and the amount on your receipt will be donated to your organization).

As I was filling out the financial reports, I noticed that some shire members' memberships are about to expire. Please renew your memberships. The sooner the better, because word has it that membership fees may increase soon.

That's all for now. If you have questions or comments for me, please send them to the treasurer email: [shadowlands.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:shadowlands.treasurer@gmail.com)"

*--Hoffanna inn kyrrri*

### 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 Álfrún at: [morgan.wagnon@yahoo.com](mailto: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!

*Álfrún*

### From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

### 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. 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](mailto:sir.rhodri@gmail.com)

### From the Rapier Marshal

"Rapier attendance has been fairly steady at about 3-4 fighters per practice. Clear your evening for February the 8th! Shadowlands is attending the Bryn Gwlad fighter practice in full force. We'll be leaving College Station around 5 to 5:30pm, staying for practice, and then returning home the same evening. Likely we'll be home between 11pm and 12am--possibly later if we decide to stay and eat with the fighters in Bryn Gwlad. Keep your eyes and ears on the list for more information."

*--Hoffanna inn kyrrri*

### From the Archery Marshal

Greetings,

Rain played havoc with archery this month in the shire, causing the cancellation of 2 of 4 archery practices. For the 2 archery practices that did happen, we had 6 archers at each. At our first practice of the month, the shire's archers shot a winter challenge round. Also at this practice, Lord Faolàn donated an assortment of old/damaged arrows to the shire. After salvage and repair, 14 arrows were added to the shires loaner gear. Thanks to Lord Faolàn for the generous donation.

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*

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 Chronicler

Another month, another newsletter. Thank you to those officers who submitted reports, and a BIG thank you to those officers who submitted reports early.

*Reedie*

### From the Historian

In January the Shire held its third seasonally challenged Fall Ball, this one with a Viking theme and called Ball-Halla.

*Reedie*

### 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](mailto: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

## This Month in the Middle Ages – February

1. In 1587 Elizabeth I, Queen of England, signs the Warrant of Execution of Mary, Queen of Scots
2. In 1160 Fredrick Barbarossa, Holy Roman Emperor, takes Crema , Italy , in a siege noted for atrocities
3. In 1468 Johann Gutenberg, creator of the first printing press with movable type, dies
4. In 1454 in the Thirteen Years' War, the Secret Council of the Prussian Confederation sends a formal act of disobedience to the Grand Master.
5. In 1597 a group of early Japanese Christians are killed by the new government of Japan for being seen as a threat to Japanese society.
6. In 1512 Dean Coulet of St. Paul 's Church speaks against clerical abuses
7. In 1074 Pandulf IV of Benevento is killed battling the invading Normans at the Battle of Montesarchio.
8. In 1575 Universiteit Leiden is founded, and given the motto Praesidium Libertatis.
9. In 1507 Pereira discovers Santa Appolonia Island, later named Reunion Island ...he also discovers the Dodo bird
10. In 1480 The Emperor Go-Tsuchimikado occupies his Palace in Kyoto
11. In 1465,Elizabeth of York, wife of King Henry VII, is born.
12. In 1429 English forces under Sir John Fastolf defend a supply convoy carrying rations to the army besieging Orleans from attack by the Comte de Clermont and Sir John Stewart of Darnley in the Battle of Rouvray (also known as the Battle of the Herrings).
13. In 1542 Catherine Howard, the fifth wife of Henry VIII of England, is executed for adultery.
14. In 1349 approximately 2,000 Jews are burned to death by mobs or forcibly removed from the city of Strasbourg.
15. In 1458 Ivan the Young, Ruler of Tver, is born. (d. 1490)
16. In 1001 Roman barons put the Pope and Holy Roman Emperor to flight
17. In 1490, Charles III, Duke of Bourbon, Constable of France is born. (d. 1527).
18. In 1478 George, Duke of Clarence, convicted of treason against his older brother Edward IV of England, is executed in private at the Tower of London..
19. In 1377 John Wycliffe is called to trial before the Bishop of London.
20. In 1431 Trial of Joan of Arc begins.
21. In 1598 Election of Boris Godenov as Czar of Muscovy .
22. In 1495 King Charles VIII of France enters Naples to claim the city's throne.
23. In 632 The Last Sermon (Khutbah, Khutbatul Wada') of prophet Muhammad.
24. In 1530 Reconciliation of Charles V and Pope Clement VII; Last Imperial Coronation of a Holy Roman Emperor.
25. In 1553, Hirate Masahide, Japanese diplomat and tutor of Oda Nobunaga, commits suicide. (b. 1492).
26. In 493 Surrender of the Roman Army at Ravenna to the Ostrogoths
27. In 1594 Henry IV is crowned King of France.
28. In 1572 Catherine of Austria, third wife of Sigismund II of Poland dies.

## The Shadow Reader

By Lord Pádric O'Mullan

Title – *A Rose for the Crown*  
Author – Anne Easter Smith  
Publisher – Simon and Schuster

*A Rose for the Crown* is a story of love and loss set in England in the second half of the 1400s. The main character, Kate Haute, and most of her family, are fictional, although it is known that there was a woman by the name of Katherine Haute in that time period. Most of the other characters in the story did exist, including: Richard of Gloucester (later Richard III), his bastard children, Katherine Plantagenet, John of Pontefract, and Richard of Eastwell.

The story is set during the Wars of the Roses. Some of the characters are intimately involved in the Wars of the Roses, especially Richard III, but that is not what the story is about. It is really the story of the relationship between Richard of Gloucester and Kate Haute. Joined by love and their three children, but separated by status, it was a love affair that just couldn't work.

Although the story is not ABOUT the Wars of the Roses, it helped me attain a much greater understanding of the time period, by setting the events in a relatively easy to follow context. This was aided greatly by a genealogy of the Plantagenet Houses of Lancaster and York, without which any story about the royals of that time would be very confusing.

Another interesting item I noticed in the story was that by the time it was done, at least one character had died from pretty much everything that could kill a person in those days such as: military combat, execution for treason, plague, consumption, childbirth, childhood disease, old age, accident, and sweating sickness. The inclusion of sweating sickness was interesting, in that the disease is believed to have arrived in England with the arrival of Henry of Richmond (Henry Twdr, soon to be Henry VII) and his army.

Other useful information included by the author includes a map of England showing places referred to in the story, and a glossary of medieval terms.

If anyone is interested in the times and events of the Wars of the Roses, I highly recommend this book. I have no doubt that it will greatly increase your understanding of one of the most confusing periods of English history. Anne Easter Smith did her research, and it shows in every page.

## Ball-Halla Recap

By Alfrún Gunnbarardóttir, Event Co-Steward

We had around 40 people show up to this event (including the incoming and outgoing baroness of Bryn Gwlad!), which was very laid back and did not include heavy or light lists this year. Many different games were played, indoor and out to the amusement of all. We had a wonderful spread of food, and all left with very full bellies. As is the tradition of the Shadowlands, the MOSS was handed down to the person in the shire deemed most worthy of it by past recipients; this time, they chose Lady Catan ingen Míchíl to the cheers of all. In the final round of elimination against Antonello, Morina O'Donovan deftly won the Bransle Booties and glory for the Shadowlands.

Potluck was coordinated by Isolde, musicians and set lists by Llywelyn, Catan organized decorations and gate, Kolleen, having never been to Fall Ball before, coordinated games, Kira organized set up, and Kaitlyn supplied the effigy.

Thanks to the Coordinators and all who helped!