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# The Shadow Knows

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Newsletter for the Shire of the Shadowlands  
The Capital of Ansteorra

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## Calendar of Events From the Kingdom Calendar)

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)

April 2011 (A.S. XLV)

1-3 .....Elfsea Defender – Elfsea (Ft. Worth, TX)

8-10..... Stargate Baronials - Stargate (Houston, TX)

Wiesenfeuer Baronial - Wiesenfeuer (Oklahoma City, OK)

15-17 .....SCA Board of Directors meeting - Houston, TX

Defender of the Flame - Glaslyn (Denton, TX)

22-24 .....Easter Weekend

29-1 .....Beltane - Namron (Norman, OK)

Bjornsborg Spring Event - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX)

Guardian of the Tor XX - Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, TX)

### Populace Meetings

April 5, 2011

105C Zachary Engineering Center

May 3, 2011

105C Zachary Engineering Center

### 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>
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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 9:00PM	256 G Rollie White	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

The office of Seneschal is accepting applications, and will continue to do so until filled. Sir Rhodri has served in the position for almost two years, and the position has been accepting applications for a year. If you are interested in applying for this position, please do so asap. Unlike Knight's Marshal or Herald, this position MUST be filled, and it is not fair to expect Sir Rhodri to do it beyond his two year warrant.

Congratulations to Honorable Lady Isobail inghean Gilla Chriod, who will become a member of the Order of the Pelican on April 9 at Stargate Investiture and Stargate/Loch Soilleir Baronial Championships.

There will be no meetings or practices during the week of March 11 – 20 (Spring Break).  
**GO TO WAR!**

The office of Knight's Marshal has been filled. Thank you to Felix of the Shadowlands (who needs a last name).

The offices of Hospitaler and Minister of Arts and Sciences are accepting applications until April 1. Send applications to the Coastal Regional officer for the position in question, with courtesy copies to Rhodri (the seneschal) and the current officer.

Mark your calendar now for the weekend of April 8-10, which will be the Shire's spring group outing to Star/Loch Baronials and Stargate Baronial Investiture. Don't forget your Shadowlands tabard! See the event ad elsewhere in this newsletter.

We got a bad time slot for Dance practice this semester. Watch the list to see if it is happening.

## Thanks and Credits

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## Officer Reports

### From the Seneschal

Gulf Wars is upon us! Prepare your gear and ready for war. Shadowlands goes to Gulf War over Spring Break.

If anyone has another option for a dance room, the 9 PM dance time is not working out so well for us. Please check with other sites if you know of any and let us know.

Populace meeting will remain in Zachary for now.

*Rhodri*

### From the Treasurer

"Reports have been sent for the month of January. The Shire is down under \$5,000. This is not looking good. It's not at a critical stage, yet, but we need to put our heads together and get some funds rolling in. Totals for Fall Ball - Ball-hala are in. The Shire lost around \$50 on the event. Exact numbers will be available at February's Populace. Most recent fundraising ideas include school demos, selling ice pops at events, profit shares with local restaurants, and (my favorite) putting our tabbard-making skills to use by making tabbards for other groups in Ansteorra! It's likely going to be a summer project, so make your interest known."

*--Koffenna*

### From the Hospitaler

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](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!

*Álfurín*

### From the Knight's Marshal

Fighter practice is working out well at Bee Creek park and we will remain there for the time being. Please contact the list if you need a ride.

Fantastic practice lately with lots of people coming out and getting authorized. Congratulations to Kite and Aldred on getting authorized for chivalric combat. Congratulations to Felix on getting his Marshall authorization.

And many thanks to Felix for stepping up and taking on the position of Knight Marshal. The Coast Marshal has approved and Felix will become the official knight marshal as soon as we can get the paperwork through.

*Rhodri*

## From the Incoming Knight's Marshal

Hello, Felix here with the officer report! So there are a few things I want to put up first off:

- We are still (now if coming in late) having our practices at Bee Creek Park @ 730pm. Off Anderson past the Holeman intersection.
- Also we have a good five or so people who are coming out to fight consistently, which is the best that I've seen. That means though we are short on loaner armor supply, so (with Rhodri's yay say) I expect us to have a few armoring days in the next few months...maybe one before war.

Speaking of which, War is coming up soon in March, like two weeks away! So in order to prepare for said War, in the last two practices before War we will have a bit of melee practice.

That's all from me.

*Felix*

## From the Rapier Marshal

We've had an awesome turnout at practices. We're averaging 8 fighters a night. Keep it up. We'll have a Don in attendance every other week, and if people continue to have a regular attendance, we might be able to get some of these fighters authorized, soon. If anyone is interested in becoming a marshal, please let me know.

*--Koflinna*

## From the Archery Marshal

We had beautiful weather for archery this month. We averaged 6 archers at each archery practice. Also this month, the shire's archers shot a winter challenge round.

We are about to starting the spring archery season with the first major event being Gulf Wars XX (March 13-20), a week long smorgasbord of **target archery** and **combat archery**. If the any of the shire's archers need loaner gear for Gulf War, request it now. Then take up the cry: "**Death to Trimaris!**"

Archery practice will not be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> due to Gulf Wars, but otherwise, 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 Felix Robert*

## From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

Most events proceed as normal. Check the list for updates, cancellations and the like as they arise.

We are still looking for a more suitable location (and more particularly, a more suitable time) to host dance practice. We would like a location with a wood floor, space, and electrical outlets for the boom box. If you know of a place that fits this description and would be willing to let us use it on Sundays evenings from 7 - 9 pm (or 8 - 10 pm, if necessary), please send me an email with the details and contact information.

Also, for those going to Gulf War, there are a number of classes available and I highly encourage all of you to look at the list when you get on site. The classes cover a wide variety of interests, so there is bound to be at least one that you wish to take. Keep in mind that many classes have limited sizes, so sign up as early as possible and remember that some classes have a small materials cost (in cash) so please budget for this. Last year, a bunch of Shadowlanders learned Viking wire weaving and glass bead making (among other things), so I'll be interested to see what you guys learn this year!

*~Morina O'Donovan*

## From the Chronicler

This may be my last issue of The Shadow Knows as the Chronicler. Or it may not. Time will tell. If anyone is interested in taking over as the Chronicler send an Ansteorran Application for Office to the Coastal Regional Chronicler, with courtesy copies to the seneschal (Sir Rhodri) and to me. Thanks again to Lord Ronald for the printing, and to all who submitted reports and other items.

*Techie*

## From the Historian

Nothing of historical significance happened in the Shire in February. Or if it did, no one told me.

*Techie*

## 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:

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### 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 – March

1. In 1382 Maillotin Rising, Paris (Peasant Revolt)
2. In 1127 Murder of St. Charles the Good (the Dane)
3. In 1461 Edward IV takes possession of the English Crown
4. In 1364 The Parliament of Scotland refuses to accept Edward III, King of England, as King of Scots
5. In 0475 Death of St. Gerasimus, who drew a thorn from the paw of a lion
6. In 1475, birth of Michelangelo, Italian artist and sculptor (d. 1564)
7. In 1307 Death of Edward I, King of England
8. In 1514, birth of Amago Haruhisa, Japanese samurai and warlord (d. 1562)
9. In 1500, the fleet of Pedro Alvares Cabral leaves Lisbon for the Indies. The fleet will discover Brazil which lies within boundaries granted to Portugal in the Treaty of Tordesillas
10. In 1536, birth of Thomas Howard, 4th Duke of Norfolk, English politician (d. 1572)
11. In 1302 Marriage of Romeo to Juliet
12. In 1350 The commune of Orvieto reminds its citizens that sexual relations between Christian and Jew is forbidden
13. In 1372, birth of Louis of Valois, Duke of Orléans, brother of Charles VI of France (d. 1407)
14. In 1590, Battle of Ivry: Henry of Navarre and the Huguenots defeat the forces of the Catholic League under the Duc de Mayenne during the French Wars of Religion.
15. In 0493 Odoacer the Barbarian, King of Italy, killed by Theodoric the Ostrogoth
16. 1322 – The Battle of Boroughbridge takes place in the Despenser Wars.
17. In 1337 Edward, son of Edward III of England, becomes the first to bear the title of (Royal) Duke (of Cornwall)
18. In 1314 Burning of 39 Knights Templar in France
19. In 1452 Frederick III becomes the last Holy Roman Emperor crowned in Rome
20. In 1239, death of Hermann von Salza, Grand Master of the Teutonic Knights (b. c. 1179)
21. In 1282 Start of the final struggle between England and Wales
22. In 1594 Surrender of Paris to King Henry IV of France
23. In 1534 The Pope declares Henry VIII of England "truly married" to Catherine of Aragon
24. In 1582 A summary of the witch-trials of St. Osyth's, England, is published, listing 13 witches
25. In 1588 Starting date of service necessary for pensions for wounded veterans under the 1593 Act of Parliament
26. In 1199 Richard I, "Lionheart," wounded by a crossbow at Chalus
27. In 1350 Death of Alfonso XI, King of Castile, of the Black Death
28. In 1296 Beginning of Scots War of Independence
29. In 1461 TOWTON (War of the Roses: Yorkist victory; end of Henry VI's reign)
30. In 1282 Sicilian Vespers (Sicilian revolt against French rule)
31. In 1579 A rapier and dagger duel is fought at Paris, between De Sourdiac and De la Chasnaye-Lalier

# Poetry Corner

This song has been published in this space before, at least (!) once, but it seemed appropriate for the March (WAR!) issue. Now it is published for the first time ever with sheet music. The tune is *Pange Lingua*, a Cistercian chant first published in the *Zisterzeinser Hymnar* during the 14<sup>th</sup> Century.

The original hymn *Pange Lingua* was written by St. Venantius Fortunatus in the 6<sup>th</sup> Century and later set to music. The hymn was “filked” by St. Thomas Aquinas in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. He took the first three words (*Pange lingua gloriosi* – hence the title) and turned Fortunatus’s song from a hymn about the Passion of the Christ to a hymn about the institution of the Eucharist. Later, a new musical setting was written for the Aquinas hymn. It is this musical setting which I have chosen to use.

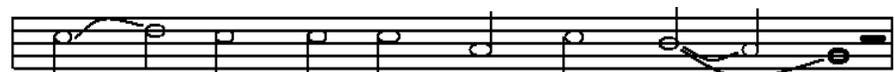
While Fortunatus’s original hymn was written in unrhymed verse, Thomas Aquinas’s version had the rhyme scheme ABABAB. In my version I have kept a translation of the first three words and used a rhyme scheme of ABCBDB, except the first verse which, quite by accident, came out ABABCB.

## Ave Ansteorrae

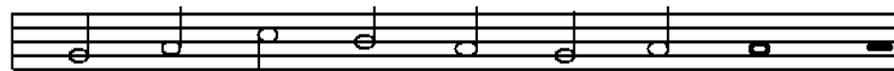
By Lord Pædric OMullan



Sing my tongue now of the glo ry  
 Hail the Crown of An - ste - or ra  
 Hail the Knights of An - ste - or ra  
 Hail the An - ste - or - ran fight ers  
 Hail the An - ste - or - ran ar chers  
 Hail the An - ste - or - ran la dies  
 Sing my tongue now of the glo ry



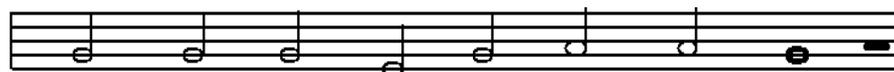
Of the An - ste - or - ran Star  
 Ru lers of this glo - rious land  
 Wear ers of the belt and chain  
 With the broad sword and ra - pier  
 Rain ing death down from on high  
 Source of hon - or in our hearts  
 Of the An - ste - or - ran star



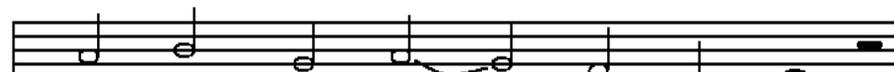
King - dom famed in song and sto - ry  
 Un - i - cus et sin - gu - lar - is  
 Learn - ed in the court - ly gra - ces  
 Strike the bo - dy with your wea - pons  
 Just - ly feared through - out the knowne world  
 'nspire us to great deeds in bat - tle  
 King - dom famed in song and sto - ry



Feared in bat - tle from a - far  
 Plant your ban - ner in the sand  
 Ex - pert at in - flict - Ing pain  
 At the heart you strike with fear  
 Foe - men run but still they die  
 That is where chi - val - ry starts  
 Feared in bat - tle from a - far



Black - star war - riors make ye rea - dy  
 Lead us on the field to vic - t'ry  
 You are bold and fear - some war - riors  
 Fight for ho - nor and for glo - ry  
 You will brave - ly join the bat - tle  
 Bind our wounds and heal our brui - ses  
 Black - star war - riors make ye rea - dy



Arm your - selves pre - pare for war.  
 Time for bat - tle is at hand.  
 Figh - ting for your king - dom's gain.  
 And the crown you hold so dear.  
 Let your ar - rows fill the sky.  
 Soothe us with the gent - ler arts.  
 Arm your selves pre - pare for war.



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4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STARGATE/LOCH SOILLEIR  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
AND  
STARGATE BARONIAL INVESTITURE  
April 8–10, 2011

The baronies of Stargate and Loch Soilleir invite you to attend their joint championship event and Stargate's baronial investiture. In the presence of Their Excellencies Caelan and Rhiannon of the Loch, Master Robert Michael MacPharland and Baroness Simone Valery la Rousse will step up to succeed Baron Ihon Vinson MacFergus and Baroness Isabeau Quiquandon as Baron and Baroness of Stargate.

In addition to the investiture, there will be tournaments to determine chivalric, rapier, archery, and equestrian champions for both baronies. A Laurel's Circle is planned during the day.

Visit us at <http://stargate.ansteorra.org> for the latest information.

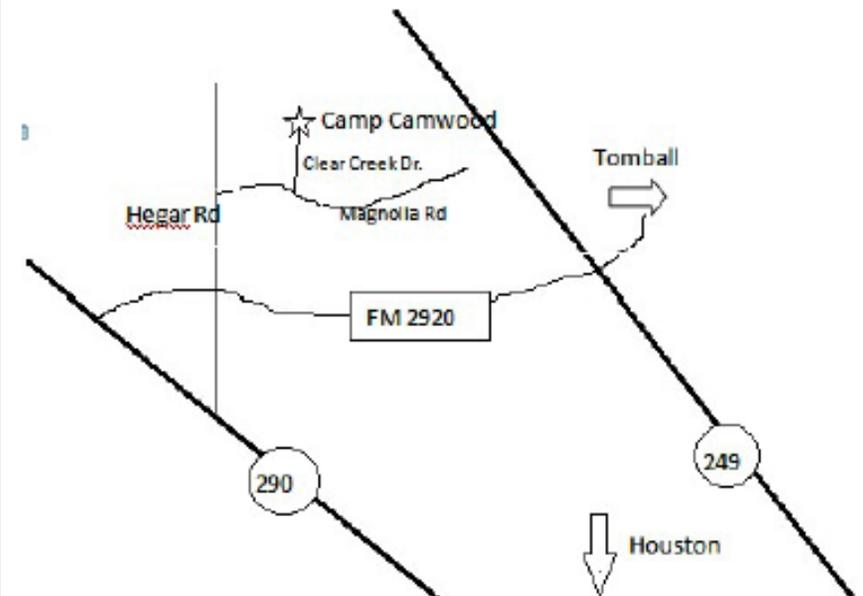
The site fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12; family max of \$30. A non-member surcharge of \$5 will be applied to those without SCA memberships. The feast fee is \$7. Make checks payable to SCA Inc., Barony of Stargate. You may register before the event at ACCEPS: <http://acceps.ansteorra.org/index.php>.

Site opens at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and closes at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized minor event waiver from the parents.

Merchants are welcome but must e-mail the event steward at least a week before the event.

The site is Camp Camwood at Magnolia Road and Clear Creek Drive in Hockley, Texas. Sorry, no pets allowed. Service animals are permitted. Horses must have proof of current negative Coggins test.

Directions: From 290 West, exit Hegar Rd. Turn right (north) on Hegar. Proceed 5.5 miles to Magnolia Rd. and bear right on it. Continue 2.5 miles to Clear Creek Rd. Turn left on Clear Creek. The camp entrance will be on your right.



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# The Shadow Reader

## By Lord Pædríc O'Mullan

Title – *Heartstone*

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*Heartstone*, by C.J Sansom, is a tale of mystery and intrigue, set in the later years of the reign of King Henry VIII, during the last of his wars with France . Fast paced and well-written, I found *Heartstone* to be a very interesting story.

Told in the first person, *Heartstone* tells the story of an investigation by Matthew Shardlake, a serjeant-at-law (lawyer) at the Court of Requests in London. Matthew Shardlake is a friend of Catherine Parr, since before she became Queen. With his clerk Jack Barak he travels to the area near Portsmouth to investigate a case for the Court of Wards, filed by the now-dead son of one of Queen Catherine's former servants. While in the area Shardlake also decides to investigate a personal matter in nearby Sussex. While *Heartstone* describes little about the Court of Requests, where Shardlake usually works, it does provide some detail about the workings and corruption and abuse in the Court of Wards, created by Henry VIII as a source of revenue.

Both cases involve several intriguing plot twists, corrupt officials, etc. Although Shardlake manages to solve both mysteries with about 100 pages left in the book, it remains to be seen how he and his clerk will make their way back to London, as they find themselves caught in the midst of a French attack from the ocean near Portsmouth.

C. J. Sansom has divided his book into several sections. Each section includes a map showing the area where most of the action in that section takes place. I found this very helpful in keeping track of the characters' movements. Sansom also includes a historical note at the end of the novel, explaining the historical basis for several of the elements of the story.

Between the mysteries Shardlake solves and an excellent description of the Battle of the Solent I thought this was an outstanding book. It is just the most recent in a series, the Matthew Shardlake Tudor Mysteries. I look forward to finding and reading the other books in the series.

As in most years, I will be unable to attend Gulf Wars this year. I would very much like to hear about what goes on. I know everyone who attends will come back with many stories. I hope that some of you will write your stories down and allow me to publish them in future issues of *The Shadow Knows*. I would also be happy to publish any poetry, artwork, or anything else you might be inspired to create which might be inspired by the events, activities, and other fun stuff of Gulf Wars XX, assuming I am still the Chronicler. Or submit to the new Chronicler (whoever that may be) Or if there is no *Shadowlands* Chronicler, submit something to the *Kingdom Chronicler* for publication in *The Black Star*.

