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Calendar of Events From the Kingdom Calendar)

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)

May 2011 (A.S. XLVI)

6-8 Castellan - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)

Defenders of the Rose - Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX)

13-15 Coronation/King's Champion - TBD

20-22 Queen's Champion – TBD

27-29 Steppes Warlord - Steppes (Dallas, TX)

Memorial Day Weekend

Populace Meetings

May 3, 2011

105C Zachary Engineering Center

June 7, 2011

TBA

Practices

Practice	Time	Location	Contact
Archery	Sun 3:00PM	Austin's Colony Park	Lord Ronald ronald_the_archer@yahoo.com
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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	TBA	Lord Josef cj2308@yahoo.com
Cooking	3 rd Wed 7:00PM	Isabelot's House	HL Isabelot isabelotdeforess@gmail.com
Dance	Sun 9:00PM	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 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.

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.

A belated congratulations to Lord Diederick Andrieszen, the (sort of) new Coastal Regional Rapier Marshal. Congratulations also to Lord Diederick for receiving a Sable Talon for Rapier combat at Gulf Wars.

Tristram advanced deep into the rapier novice tournament at Gulf Wars. Good job!

Congratulations to The Shadowlands rapier fighters at Gulf Wars XX who comprised half of the Coastal rapier unit which won the Queen's Battle banner for their prowess on the field.

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 are in and submitted. By chance of fate, Shadowlands was first to submit a February exchequer report. Seems war is forcing the other treasurers into a more steep recovery period. Financial business in the Shire has been slow, what with no events or activities planned for the near future. If you're interested in planning an event or even have an idea, be sure to tell people! We've got lots of hands and energetic people. We can make it happen."

Hoffanna

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 Álfrún 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 Knight's Marshal

Hail reader!

The month of March was awesome, Gulf War was perfect weather and perfect fighting. The new month is now here and I must say I am excited. We now have multiple people with new sets of their own armor, some new weapons to get to fight with/against, and some new tricks to try out. There are some events that are around this month that might be fun to see: The Stargate event on the 8-10 and A Viking Althing (which just sounds cool and there maybe some fighting for the chiv's there.) Enjoy your month of April and Hope to see you soon.

Felicia

From the Rapier Marshal

"We've had wonderful turnouts at practices this month, especially considering we missed two weeks for Gulf War. We're reliably getting 8 to 10 people out at practice, and I'm sure I've seen some older faces peeling themselves away from the woodwork. Let's keep this up. The rapier fighters of Shadowlands earned themselves Royal recognition at War: We (and the rest of Coastal) were awarded the Queen's Banner for our performance in the Ravine Battle this year. As the weeks go on, we'll be introducing melee tactics and offhand weapons. Bring your energy, your long sleeves, close-toed shoes, and your groin protection (men)--We're Going to Stab Things!"

--*Kolonna*

From the Archery Marshal

Greetings Shadowlanders,

Well, we survived Gulf Wars and I'm sure there are plenty of "no #*&% there I was" stories circulating through the shire. Ansteorra's combat archers took a heavy toll from Trimaris and their allies during the various battles at Gulf Wars. Because of this, it is believed that Trimaris will attempt to recruit many additional combat archers for Gulf Wars XXI. To offset their efforts, Comte Jean Paul de Sens has offered to donate a combat crossbow as a prize for any archery competition this year that includes combat archery and HL Eadric Anstapa has offered to accompany that donation with the components to make 24 combat bolts. So, if you are interested in combat archery, this year will probably have many opportunities for you to try the sport and even pick up some gear to get you started.

In April there are 2 archery competitions that I will shamelessly promote in my report. First, Stargate and Loch Soilleir will be selecting their archery champions at their joint Baronial on April 9. Second, on April 30, Dragonsfire Tor will be selecting their next archery guardian. Our own Mistress Kaitlyn, the current Archery Guardian of the Tor, will be hosting this tournament.

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 filio 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

Well, I'm still here. Still publishing The Shadow Knows. I've spoken to one person interested in taking the position of Chronicler, but I haven't heard anything else from him. I am going to set a date of June 1 to close applications for the office. If no one else applies by then I will probably keep the job for a couple more years. (Subject to approval from Kingdom/Regional officers.)

Pachio

From the Historian

In March of the same year many from the Shire went to Gulf Wars XX. It was there that the Shadowlands rapier fighters, along with the rest of the Coastal rapier unit, received the Queen's Battle Banner, for their prowess on the field, and that Lord Diederich Andrieszen received a Sable Talon for rapier combat.

Pachio

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 – April

- 1 In 1204 Death of Eleanor of Aquitaine, Queen of France and England
- 2 In 1559 Marriage of Philip II, King of Spain, to Isabella of France
- 3 In [1559](#), The [Peace of Cateau-Cambrésis](#) treaty is signed, ending the [Italian Wars](#).
- 4 In [1581](#), [Francis Drake](#) is knighted for completing a circumnavigation of the world.
- 5 In [1242](#), During a [battle on the ice](#) of [Lake Peipus](#), [Russian](#) forces, led by [Alexander Nevsky](#), rebuff an invasion attempt by the [Teutonic Knights](#).
- 6 In [1320](#), The [Scots](#) reaffirm their independence by signing the [Declaration of Arbroath](#).
- 7 In [529](#), First draft of the [Corpus Juris Civilis](#) (a fundamental work in [jurisprudence](#)) is issued by [Eastern Roman Emperor Justinian I](#).
- 8 In 1241 WAHLSTADT (Mongols defeat Northern European armies)
- 9 In 1599 Death of Gabrielle D'Estrees, Mistress of Henry IV, King of France
- 10 In 1471 Edward IV re-enters London; Henry VI deposed as King of England (War of the Roses)
- 11 In 1240 Death of Llywelyn the Great
- 12 In 1204 Sack of Constantinople by the Fourth Crusade
- 13 In 1436 The French drive the English out of Paris (100 Yrs. War)
- 14 In 1028 Coronation of Henry III, "the Black," as King of Germany
- 15 In 1205 Capture of Baldwin I of Rumania by the Bulgarians at Adrianople
- 16 In 1291 Rudolph Hapsburg purchases the rights to govern Lucerne, Switz.
- 17 In 1341 Edinburgh Castle taken from English by Douglas
- 18 In 1521 Diet of Worms: Luther refuses to recant
- 19 In [1587](#), [Francis Drake](#)'s expedition [sinks the Spanish fleet](#) in [Cádiz](#) harbor.
- 20 In 1534 Execution of Elizabeth Barton, the "Nun of Kent"
- 21 In [1574](#), Death of [Cosimo I de' Medici, Grand Duke of Tuscany](#) (b. 1519)
- 22 In [1451](#), Birth of [Isabella I of Castile](#) (d. 1504)
- 23 In 1014 CLONTARF (Brian Boru, King of Ireland, defeats the Danes; Death of Brian Boru, Ard-Righ of Ireland)
- 24 In – *1558 Mary, Queen of Scots, marries the Dauphin of France, François, at Notre Dame de Paris.
- 25 In 1523 Henry VIII, King of England, forbids private ownership of firearms by any person with an income of less than 100 pounds per year. The ban is cheerfully ignored.
- 26 In 1569 Elizabeth I, Queen of England, issues a Licence for Sunday Sports
- 27 In 1404 John "the Fearless" becomes Duke of Burgundy
- 28 In 1462 Pope Pius II issues a Bull protecting the ruins of Rome
- 29 In 0998 Otto II, Holy Roman Emperor, takes the Palace of St. Angelo, Italy
- 30 In 1524 Death of Pierre du Terrail, the Chevalier de Bayard, "Sans Peer Et Sans Reproche", from a musket ball in the back, in the assault on Bresica, Italy

**The 4th 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.

Feast Menu:

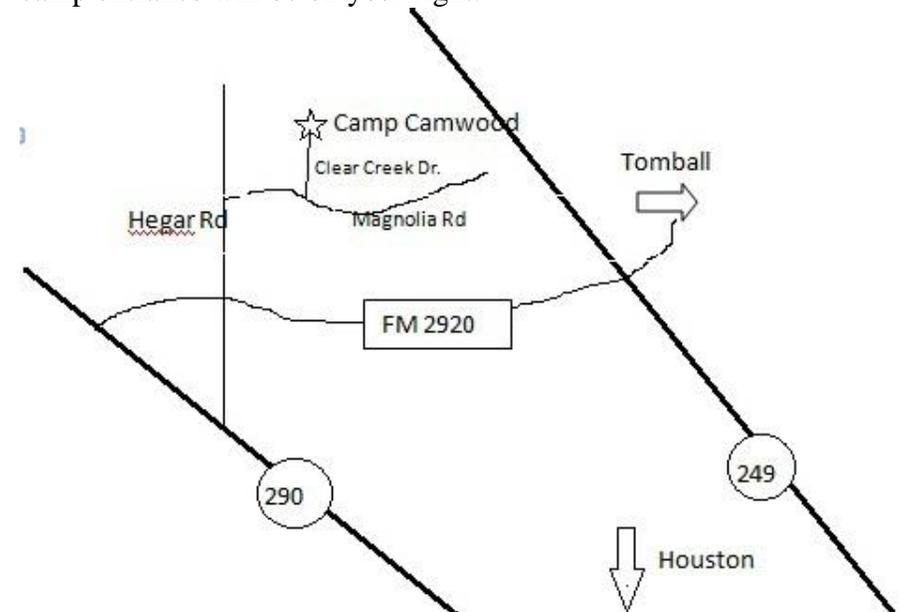
Breads and Butters
Grilled Romaine Panzenella Salad
Steamed Vegetables
Rice
Roast Beef
Roasted Chicken
Berry Napoleons

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 proof of SCA membership. 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 Pædric O'Mullan

Title - *The Walking Drum*

Author - Louis L'Amour

Publisher - Bantam

What? Louis L'Amour in the Shadow Reader? Didn't he just write cowboy stories? Nope! *The Walking Drum* was Louis L'Amour's first foray into medieval historical fiction.

Set in the 1170s and 1180s, *The Walking Drum* is the story of Mathurin Kerbouchard, With Kerbouchard's father, a corsair, reportedly dead, the evil Baron who lives nearby has killed Mathurin's mother and looted and burned their home. So young Kerbouchard sets out on a quest to find his father, if he still lives.

At various times Mathurin is a fisherman, slave, pilot, swordsman, a scholar, physician, geographer, merchant, linguist, philosopher, and lover. He travels from the coast of Brittany to Moorish Spain, to Flanders, France, Kiev, and Constantinople, all the way to Alamut, the stronghold of the Assassins. Along the way he battles brigands, Petchanegs (forbearers of the Mongols) evil Barons, and yes, the Assassins. All while rescuing at least five damsels in distress.

As one might expect from a Louis L'Amour tale, *The Walking Drum* is a lightly written adventure. There are no deep underlying themes, except perhaps the importance of education. The action is fast-paced and non-stop.

L'Amour did his research, and was just a little too eager to show it off. From oddly placed discourses on the politics of the time, to discussion of Muslim books on medicine, to a list of nobles (mostly Muslim) known to have been killed by the Assassins, L'Amour clearly wanted the reader to know what he knew, and to know he knew it. There were a couple of anachronisms in the book as well, but I will leave those for other readers to find for themselves.

All in all, I found *The Walking Drum* to be a very enjoyable story. I even learned a little from it about the culture of Moorish Spain, and the respect which Muslims in those days held for scholars and learning. I recommend it for anyone interested in Muslim culture, merchant caravans, medieval medicine, or cowboy stories. But be warned: there is very little gunpowder, and not a six-shooter in the whole story.

The BOD is Coming!

The SCA's Directors and Corporate Staff would like to extend a cordial invitation for all to attend the upcoming Board of Directors meeting, to be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the Hilton-Houston Hobby Airport .

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to see how the business end of the Society functions. Also, come and get a sneak peak at some findings from the recent SCA Census.

A Board meeting is truly something every SCA member ought to experience and be a part of. Come ask questions. Come be heard! We encourage the attendance of all our members. Start time is 9:00 am and modern attire is appreciated.

Erik Langhans

Director, SCA Inc.

Ombudsman for Heralds, Grand Council, Census Committee, Publications (Chroniclers, Web Ministers, TI, CA)

Saturday, April 16 · 9:00am - 4:00pm
Hilton-Houston Hobby Airport
8181 Airport Blvd
Houston TX 77061

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Electronic Newsletters

(Coming Soon to an SCA Kingdom Near You, Like Here)

Q: *I am presently a Sustaining Member and I want to continue receiving a paper newsletter. Can I?*

A: Yes. If you are presently receiving a paper newsletter you will have the option to continue receiving it in that format.

Q: *I like paper newsletters. Once the e-newsletters go into effect, will I be able to get a paper copy mailed to me?*

A: Yes. You will have a choice between the electronic version or a paper newsletter.

Q: *The Board has suggested an implementation period of almost a full year. Why can't we go to electronic newsletters right now?*

A: There is much to do before the transition can happen including updating kingdom and corporate documents, revising the Chronicler's Policies, modifying our current software, and adding new software and hardware. As quickly as everyone is working, all of these aspects take a considerable amount of time and we want to do this properly the first time.

Q: *I thought I paid membership fees in order to receive the newsletter.*

A: As a Sustaining Member, you will still receive your Kingdom newsletter. We are not doing away with the newsletter; we are offering a new option for delivery. Your membership fees go to support the operations of the non-profit organization that oversees the national and international activities and rules of the game. This includes everything from the insurance coverage we use for events to office supplies and the phone line that lets you call our member office. Sustaining Members receive newsletters in addition to the other benefits of membership.

Your membership gives you access to:

- **Quick Event Check-in** – By signing the waiver on the membership application, you can speed up your check-in at events by presenting your membership card instead of signing waivers.
- **SCA Publications** – Sustaining Members may also purchase subscriptions to other kingdoms' newsletters, *Tournaments Illuminated* (the quarterly magazine of the Society), *The Compleat Anachronist* (the

SCA's quarterly monograph series), and the Board of Directors' Proceedings.

- **Discounts** – Members receive discounts on some event admissions.

Additionally, for many SCA-related activities, membership is a necessity, including:

- **Holding Office** – Membership is a requirement to hold an office.
- **Voting Privileges** – When polling occurs in your local area, the membership rolls are used to determine who receives the poll.
- **Combat and Combat-Related Activities** – In some kingdoms, membership is a requirement to participate in combat and combat-related activities.
- **Awards** – In certain kingdoms, membership is a requirement for eligibility to receive awards.

Q: *Why is this necessary all of a sudden? Why hasn't it happened before?*

A: The option of e-newsletters has been a topic of interest for several years, but as with any decision, there were number of factors that made it high priority now. These include increased paper newsletter production costs including postage, the recent economic downturn and its effects on the SCA and its members, technological advances in quality and availability, and the majority of members (as shown by the recent census) would prefer to subscribe to this format. We believe that both the members and the SCA will benefit economically by the e-newsletter option, especially using the Kingdom of Lochac as a case model. The Kingdom of Lochac (SCAA – Australia and New Zealand) added the option of e-newsletters in 2009, and their information on adding e-newsletters for one kingdom demonstrated how it might be effective for the SCA and the other 18 kingdoms.

Q: *I appreciate/don't like these decisions. How can I have more input into this process?*

A: As always, we encourage your comments and questions at comments@sca.org and will try to answer any question you may have. Your kingdom or officer ombudsman is always available to you to answer these questions directly and those assignments are listed in your newsletter and on the www.sca.org website. Additionally, if you want to have more effect at the corporate level, you should volunteer for or recommend people to the Board and to Society Officer positions as they become available.