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Calendar of Events From the Kingdom Calendar)

May 2011 (A.S. XLVI)

6-8Castellan - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)
Defenders of the Rose - Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX)
13-15..... Coronation/King's Champion - TBD
20-22Queen's Champion – TBD
27-29Steppes Warlord - Steppes (Dallas, TX)
Memorial Day Weekend

June 2011 (A.S. XLVI)

3-5..... Eldern XXXIII - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)
10-12Champions of Bonwicke - Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)
17-19..... King's College - Loch Ruadh (Benbrook, TX)
24-26Bordermarch Baronials - Bordermarch (Beaumont, TX)
Out of Kingdom: Knowne World Heraldic and Scribal
Symposium - Atlantia (High Point, NC)

Populace Meetings

June 7, 2011 Location TBA
July 5, 2011 Location 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 | Bee Creek Park, C.S. | Sir Rhodri sir.rhodri@gmail.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 isabelotdeforens@gmail.com |
| Dance | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| Scribes | 2 nd &4 th Mon 7:00 | Kaitlyn's house | Lady Luciana pchanjeni@sbcglobal.net |

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The Shadow Notes

Happy New Year to the SCA, which began AS XLVI on May 1.

Congratulations to **Mistress** Isobail inghean Gilla Chriosd, who became a member of the Order of the Pelican on April 9 at Stargate Investiture and Stargate/Loch Soilleir Baronial Championships. **Vivat!**

Congratulations also to **Lady** Caitlin Labouche, who received an Award of Arms, and to Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna, who received a Sable Thistle, also at Stargate/Loch Soilleir Co-Baronials. It was Kaitlyn's fourth Sable Thistle, and this one was for ambiance.

Lady Caitlin finished tied for the lead in points in the joint equestrian competition at at Stargate/Loch Soilleir Co-Baronials, but, alas, third among the leaders in time, and thus without a title. Good Job!

Congratulations to Lord Bastian Eisengart, of Shadowlands WAAAAAY Northwest (An Tir) who won his barony's A&S competition with a research paper and pretzels.

Lady Kolfinna is planning an activities day for Saturday, June 11. Activities include archery, European dance, and bardic. Contact Lady Kolfinna or watch the list for more details.

Be on the lookout for a location to hold dance practice.

To everyone who will be gone for the summer: have a GREAT summer!

Thanks and Credits

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Officer Reports

From the Seneschal

Congratulations and a heart felt thank you to Kolfina for the tiny tourney at practice. It was tremendous. She got the idea, got people involved and excited about, handled all the setup and cleanup. It is wonderful to see that level of enthusiasm and contribution to what we all enjoy doing.

What about the SCA excites you? What are you passionate about? I encourage you to not wait for someone else to do something. Get involved and do what you enjoy doing. Whether it is dancing, bardic, leather working, fighting or whatever, get in there and start some action. If you really want to but don't know how, come talk with myself or Kaitlyn and we will be glad to assist you in getting started.

Rhodri

From the Treasurer

All is quiet on the financial front. We have money, and we haven't been spending it. Woo hoo. All reports are in and correct, and I look forward to the next Shire activity.

-Kolfinna

From the Hospitaller

Shadowlanders,

Although I will not be leaving the shire quite yet, it is time for my retirement from Hospitaller. Thank you for all the amazing times and laughter over the past two years. The shire has such an amazing reputation only because of the people in it and your continued efforts in the SCA. I have never been so proud to be a part of any group as our shire, and I eagerly await the new stories and adventures wherever I may be.

Alfrin

From the Knight's Marshal

Hello everyone! Felix here! We had a great school year of fighting and I am glad to note that most everyone who came out often got authorized, which is super cool! For the coming up summer, we will more likely move the fighter practice to Sunday afternoon sooo, if you are here keep an eye open for that news. I also want to take this chance to say to all the people leaving the shire for stuff: "bye-bye, love you!". That's all from me, Fifi says "hello". Enjoy your time,

Felix

From the Rapier Marshal

There has been people bustling and stuff a-happening at fightin' times this month. Attendance at practice is strong (ten to twelve people each week), and I can't be more thrilled. The last practice in April contained something the Shire hasn't seen in many moons: A Tiny Tournament! We had eight entrants in the tournament, and for many

of the fighters this was their first experience with a traditional SCA tournament. Prizes included a black doublet, only available to persons who did not own legal armour, and a heavy rapier, given to the winner of the tournament. Who was this winner, you ask? None other than Tristram of the Shadowlands! Undefeated, he stood victorious at then end and graciously accepted both prizes. Shadowlands, Rejoice! There was overwhelming enthusiasm for the tournament, and we may have another soon. As far as future practices go, I will not be available to hold practices on the dates of May 5th, May 12th, or May 26th. Finals, family, and travel will have me out of town on those days. Luckily, the Coastal Rapier Marshal lives in town and can take over the practices. The aforementioned practices will only be canceled if Dieteric Andreisen will also be unavailable. Alternatively, we may avoid the issue altogether if the populace decides to move practices to Sundays. Keep your eyes and ears open, and please don't be afraid to ask if you are unsure of when activities will be.

-Koffina

From the Archery Marshal

Greetings Shadowlanders,

The weather has been warm and dry, and if it wasn't for the wind, we would have had near perfect conditions for archery this month. So why, I ask myself, did we only averaged 4 archers at each archery practice? Why does the shire only have 3 archers with average scores on the royal round web site? What can we do to increase interest and participation in archery within the shire?

For those interested in archery tournaments in the month of May, we have 3 that I will mention. The first is Defender of the Rose on May 7. Lord Faolàn is the current Archery Defender of the Rose and will be aiding the Roses in selecting their next defender. The other 2 will occur at Steppes Warlord on May 28-29. Steppes will be choosing a new Steppes Archer and the crown will be choosing a new Royal Huntsman.

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 fitz Robert

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

Greetings from your new Minister of Arts and Sciences! Let me start by reminding you of a few things we have discussed regarding A&S activities over the summer. Cooking guild will continue so long as there is interest and those willing to cook as will brewing, so for those staying in college station over the summer free up your wednesday nights. Also charter painting on mondays will continue as more of an open A&S night so bring any projects you have to work on and enjoy great company while working on them.

We are still trying to get dance practice back up and running so if anybody could find a place possibly for next school year please let me know so it can be arranged as early as possible to ensure a convenient time for everybody.

Enjoy your summer everybody and for the students good luck on finals!!!

-Lady Caitlin Labouche

From the Chronicler

My office will close for applications on June 1. If you are interested in applying please send an Ansteorran Application for Office (<http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf>) with proof of membership and identity to the Coastal Regional Chronicler with courtesy copies to Rhodri (the Seneschal) and myself. We don't really need the proof of membership and identity... Thanks to the officers who submitted reports for publication this month. Thanks also to "the Shadow" whoever that may be. As always, a big thank you to Ronald fitz Robert for doing the printing!

Rædric

From the Historian

In April of the same year many from the Shadowlands did travel to Stargate for the Stargate/Loch Soilleir Co-Baronials. It was there that Isobail inghen Gilla Chriod became a Pelican. also at that event did Lady Caitlin Labouche receive an Award of Arms and Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna a Sable Thistle for ambiance. And the year AS XLV drew to a close.

Rædric

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

This Month in the Middle Ages – May

1. In 1316 Coronation of Edward Bruce as King of Ireland
2. In 1568 Escape of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, from Loch Leven
3. In 0425 Pope Gelasius asserts his spiritual power is superior to the temporal power of the Emperor
4. In 1429 The Bastard of Orleans attacks the English besiegers of Orleans
5. In 0614 Persians capture Jerusalem and seize the True Cross
6. In 1527 Duke of Bourbon killed after sacking Rome with the Lutheran army
7. In 1525 FRANKENHAUSEN (German Peasant's Revolt crushed)
8. In 1222 Coronation of Henry VII, King of Germany
9. In 1598 Henry V, King of France, enters Rennes, Brittany, in state
10. In 1307 LOUDON HILL (Robert I, "the Bruce," King of Scots, defeats the Earl of Pembroke)
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12. In 1349 the fourth new Vicar of the church in Shaftsbury, England is appointed, when predecessors die of the Plague
13. In 1515 Mary, sister of King Henry VIII of England, widow of King Louis XII of France, marries Charles, Duke of Suffolk, against her brother's wishes, in England
14. In 1587 James VI, King of Scots, invites his nobles to a banquet at Holyrood, to try to persuade them to keep the King's Peace with each other
15. In 1567, Mary, Queen of Scots, marries James Hepburn, 4th Earl of Bothwell, her third husband.
16. In 1291 Moslems take the Maudite Tower of Acre
17. In 1198 Coronation of Frederick II, aged 4 years, as King of Sicily
18. In 1302, BRUGES MATINS (the nocturnal massacre of the French garrison in Bruges by members of the local Flemish militia.)
19. In 1359 The Estates General of France order war to be made on England
20. in 1217, the SECOND BATTLE OF LINCOLN, (defeat of Prince Louis of France by William Marshal, 1st Earl of Pembroke)
21. In 879, Pope John VIII gives blessings to duke Branimir and to Croatian people, considered to be international recognition of the Croatian state
22. In 1216 French invasion troops land in England
23. In 1480 Turks arrive at Rhodes to besiege it
24. In 1487, the ten-year-old Lambert Simnel is crowned in Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin, Ireland with the name of Edward VI in a bid to threaten King Henry VII's reign.
25. In 1085, Alfonso VI of Castile takes Toledo, Spain back from the Moors.
26. In 1568 An Eisteddfod held at Cayroes, by Queen Elizabeth's Commission
27. In 1120 Richard III of Capua is anointed as prince two weeks before his untimely death.
28. In 1358 Beginning of the Jacquerie (Peasant Revolt) St. Leu, France
29. In 1239 180 Cathars burned at Montwimer, France
30. In 1323 A truce is proclaimed in the Scottish Wars, to last for thirteen years
31. In 1594 Death of Jacopo Robusti, known as "Tintoretto," painter

The Shadow Reader

By Lord Pádric O'Mullan

Title - *A Head for Poisoning*
Author - Simon Beaufort
Publisher - St. Martin's Press

A Head for Poisoning is a mystery set in England in the year AD 1101. King Henry I has just taken the throne after the mysterious death of his brother, William Rufus. Sir Geoffrey Mappestone, a Crusader knight, is returning to his father's castle from the Holy Land to pay his respects to his dying father. A knight traveling with him and carrying missives for the king is murdered by an arrow shot from ambush. When Sir Geoffrey takes the body, and the messages, to King Henry at Chepstow Castle, Henry asks him to investigate, not only the death of the messenger, but also the mysterious circumstances of Mappestone's father's illness. Rumor has it, the old man is being poisoned.

Thus starts one of the most interesting and entertaining stories I have ever read. Mappestone arrives at the family castle to find his brothers, sister, and in-laws waiting impatiently for their father's death, and bickering incessantly over who should inherit his lands. Mappestone finds the siblings he did not like 20 years before, when he was sent away to be squired, are even less likeable now. The one sister he does remember with affection has been dead for nearly a year, under mysterious circumstances.

All of Sir Geoffrey's siblings are suspects in his father's poisoning, and some are trying to implicate him as well, even after a twenty year absence. One of his men-at-arms is nosing around town, prying into what should be a family concern. The local priest seems to have known his dead sister better than a priest should. And after his father's death, Sir Robert de Belleme, the Earl of Shrewsbury, appears, to make his own claim for the Mappestone lands.

Simon Beaufort has spun a complex and fascinating tale of murder, duplicity, and deceit. Better yet, he has done it with a light hand, adding elements of humor. *A Head for Poisoning* is an excellent, fast-paced tale, full of humor and unexpected complications. I had a hard time putting it down, and highly recommend it for anyone who likes a good mystery.

An Open letter to Those Departing the Shire for Other Lands

You leave your homes unattended that you may venture into the world and see the realm. My spies in this Shire have well-informed me of the locations of your homesteads and your properties. Sleep with one eye open, as my fingers are deft, my feet silent. There is no where you can tie your horses, no where you can plant your tents that me and my fellow Ansteorrans will not find you. Word of your successes will draw us closer and strengthen our motivation for the hunt, word of your failures will sadden our souls--it will not do to have someone else responsible for your demise. Again, sleep with one eye open. No one enters our Shire and leaves unnoticed. We will be watching you."

Giggles,
The Shadow