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## Calendar of Events (From the Kingdom Calendar)

### December 2011 (A.S. XLVI)

2-4..... Wiesenfeuer Yule Revel - Wiesenfeuer (OKC, OK)  
 Stargate Yule - Stargate (Houston, TX)  
 9-11..... Dragonsfire Tor Yule Revel - Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, TX)  
 16-18..... **OPEN**  
 23-25..... **OPEN** (Sunday 25th, Christmas Day)  
 30-1 ..... **OPEN** (Sunday 1st, New Year's Day)

### January 2012 (A.S. XLVI)

6-8..... Steppes 12th Night - Steppes (Dallas, TX)  
 13-15..... Crown Tournament - Seawinds (Corpus Christi, TX)  
 20-22..... King's Round Table - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)  
 27-29 ..... Winterkingdom - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)

### Populace Meetings

January 2012 Date, Time and Location TBA  
 February 2012 Date, 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.	Felix <a href="mailto:Benny_wro@yahoo.com">Benny_wro@yahoo.com</a>
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Cooking	On Hiatus	Isabelot's House	HL Isabelot <a href="mailto:isabelotdeforens@gmail.com">isabelotdeforens@gmail.com</a>
Dance	Sun 7:00PM	G. Rollie White, Rm 256	Lady Caitlin <a href="mailto:caitlinlabouche@yahoo.com">caitlinlabouche@yahoo.com</a>
Fiber arts	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 7:00PM	Kaitlyn and Rhodri's House	Mistress Kaitlyn <a href="mailto:mistresskaitlyn@gmail.com">mistresskaitlyn@gmail.com</a>
Leatherworking	1st & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 6:30PM	Ronald and Catan's House	Lord Ronald <a href="mailto:ronald_the_archer@yahoo.com">ronald_the_archer@yahoo.com</a>
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## The Shadow Notes

Congratulations to Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna, HL Isabelot di Forens, Lady Kolfinna in kyrra Ottarsdottir, and Logan of the Shadowlands, all of whom became authorized combat archers, at Bordermarch Autumn Melees, and all of whom received Shaky Knees awards for their first combat kills. Huzzah!

Congratulations to Logan of the Shadowlands, who won the Tiny Tourney at fighter practice in November!

### 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

## Thanks and Credits

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# Officer Reports

## From the Seneschal

Good news! Students get a wonderful break after finals are completed! Focus on that as we being our long haul through the end of semester tests and projects. Meanwhile, be sure to keep your grades up so you can join us next semester! Have safe trips home, and remember that while unusual, presents of good fabrics and armor make for easier kit assembly. Enjoy the holidays and see you next year.

*-Kite the Damaged*

## From the Treasurer

No recent activity on the financial front. Last month saw our usual interest added to the bank account. All reports have been submitted on time. If you would like to request money, use shire property, make donations to the group, or propose fund raisers, let me know and we can vote on it before the financial committee.

*Kolfinna*

## From the Hospitaler

Welcome to all newcomers just discovering our Shire. The coming months are filled with a myriad of activities for both our Shire and our kingdom. If you would like to attend one of these events, but require supplies (clothing, feast gear, rides, etc.) I would be delighted to help you. Please make liberal use of our email list for any questions or concerns that need to be addressed!

In service,

*Aldred*

## From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

And in the Arts and Sciences World...

Our new guilds for this year are looking great! We have Leather working on the first and third Mondays, Brewing on the second and fourth Mondays, Scribal arts on second and fourth Tuesdays, fiber arts on third Tuesdays, and Dance on Sunday. So with all this activity there is no excuse not to go to something and you are sure to find an activity you enjoy! For more details about time and location of guilds please look at the Shire calendar on our website and for the off-campus events don't be shy to ask for a ride! For those interested in A&s activities not

currently offered in one of our guilds I still encourage you to talk to me for I can only start a guild if I know there is interest, so please show interest! So get involved everybody and enjoy your time in the Shadowlands!!!

*Lady Caitlin*

## From the Armored Combat Marshal

Howdy everyone! Felix here and as Ned Stark said once, "Winter is coming" and we all know what that means: cold bruises! Besides that I am currently training people to become the next Knight Marshal, so if you are interested contact me! YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AUTHORIZED TO BE A OFFICER! Also I will not be in College Station from 7th through till school restarts in January, so Sir Rhodri will more likely be running practice for winter break. To another note, practice has been going great and a lot of people are finally finishing their armor! YAY! That means more loaner for people to wear, so I want invite more people to come out and hit things with sticks in a gentleman's sport. Last, but not least have a great winter break and see you when spring is coming.

Love,

*Felix*

## From the Rapier Marshal

As with last month, we've seen good attendance this month for fighter practices. We're getting the newer fighters to the point of sparring, and it looks like they've had a chance to show us their prowess with the heavier rapier blades. We always have sparring and as of December 1, the application for Shire Rapier Marshal has closed and there has been one applicant: Tristram of the Shadowlands. Keep your eyes and ears open for a new officer on the loose. **As a reminder:** if you intend to fight rapier, you are required to wear long sleeves, long pants, close-toed shoes, and rigid groin protection (men only). We can loan you everything else you need to get started. If anyone is interested in making another trip to Bryn Gwlad, Star/Loch, or having another Tiny Tournament, let me know and I'll start planning for it. Come out to practice, meet other fighters, learn new things, and have fun. I hope to see you there!

*Kolfinna*

## From the Archery Marshal

During the month of November, the shire had an average of 4 archers at each archery practice. We also had 4 new combat archers authorized at BAM. Congrats to Kaitlyn, Isabelot, Kolfinna, and Logan.

There is not much happening on the archery front in December. There is talk of combat and/or target archery as part of the shire's MAD Day/Winter Revel on December 10<sup>th</sup>. More information will be posted to the lists as the event nears. The next big event that will include combat archery will be Gulf Wars in March. If you aren't ready, start soon!

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 Chronicler

I am always looking for submissions to include in *The Shadow Knows*, so if you have any artistic talent or creative writing talent, please help me out by submitting something (**ANYTHING!!!**) for publication.

If anyone is interested in publishing, the office of Chronicler is accepting applications, and will continue to do so until it is filled. It looks good on a resume, and it's not very difficult, but I've been doing it for 2 ½ years, and I'm tired... Special thanks to Lord Ronald fitz Robert for printing the newsletter.

In service,

*Lord Rædric O'Mullan*

## 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)

## From the Historian

In November Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna, HL Isabelot di Forens, Lady Kolfinna in kyrra Ottarsdottir, and Logan of the Shadowlands, all made their first kills as combat archers and received the Shaky Knees award at BAM.

*Rædric*

# This Month in the Middle Ages – December

1. In 1420, Henry V, King of England, and his new wife, Catherine of Valois, enter Paris
2. In 1001 Danish settlers in England massacred
3. In 1592 Death of Alexander Farnese, the Duke of Parma
4. In 1093 Archbishop Anselm, of Canterbury, consecrated
5. In 1484 Pope Innocent VIII issues the *Summis desiderantes*, a papal bull that deputizes Heinrich Kramer and James Sprenger as inquisitors to root out alleged witchcraft in Germany and leads to one of the most oppressive witch hunts in European history.
6. In 1323 John of Nottingham and Robert Marshall of Leicester undertake the murder of Edward II, King of England, by witchcraft
7. In 1515 Meeting and alliance between Pope Leo X and Francois I in Bologna
8. In 1432 OSZMIANA (First battle between the forces of Švitrigaila and Sigismund Kęstutaitis is fought, launching the most active phase of the civil war in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania.)
9. In 1437 Death of Sigsimund, King of Hungary, Bohemia, Germany and Lombardy, and Emperor of Rome
10. In 1513 Machiavelli completes "The Prince"
11. In 1241 Death of Ogudai; Mongols withdraw from Hungary
12. In 1098 during the First Crusade: Massacre of Ma'arrat al-Numan – Crusaders breach the town's walls and massacre about 20,000 inhabitants. After finding themselves with insufficient food, they resort to cannibalism.
13. In 1215 Llywelyn "the Great" captures Caermarthen Castle
14. In 1417 Burning of Sir John Oldcastle as a Lollard (he was the prototype of the Shakespearean character of Falstaff)
15. In 1167 Sicilian chancellor Stephen du Perche moves the royal court to Messina to prevent a rebellion.
16. In 1431 Coronation of Henry VI, King of England, as King of France
17. In 942 Assassination of William "Longsword," Duke of Normandy
18. In 1378 Charles V confiscates the Duchy of John VI of Brittany
19. In 1353 Truce between Charles de Blois and Jean de Montfort
20. In 1355 Death of Stephen Urosh IV, Emperor of the Serbs
21. In 1118, Thomas Becket, Lord Chancellor of England and Archbishop of Canterbury is born (d. 1170)
22. In 1551 Death of Richard Plantagenet, illegitimate son of Richard III
23. In 800 Pope Leo III purges himself of charges of moral turpitude, before Charlemagne
24. In 1166, King John of England is born (d. 1216)
25. In 1483 The future Henry VII, King of England, takes oath in Rennes Cathedral that he would marry Princess Elisabeth of York
26. In 1292 John Baliol, King of Scots, does homage to Edward I, King of England
27. In 537 Justinian dedicates Hagia Sophia
28. In 1531 Ruiz sails from Panama to conquer Ecuador
29. In 1165 Canonization of Charlemagne (reduced to "Blessed" in 18th cent.)
30. In 1501 Marriage of Lucrezia Borgia to Alfonso d'Este
31. In 535, Byzantine General Belisarius completes the conquest of Sicily, defeating the Ostrogothic garrison of Syracuse, and ending his consulship for the year

# The Shadow Reader

## By Lord Pædríc O'Mullan

Title - *The Queen's Christmas*  
Author - Karen Harper  
Publisher - St. Martin's Press

*The Queen's Christmas* is the sixth book in Karen Harper's Elizabeth I Mystery series. The year is 1564 and Queen Elizabeth has decreed that her court shall celebrate an old-fashioned Yule, though to do so violates laws enacted by her father, King Henry VIII and her half-brother, King Edward VI, which prohibit sporting activities and some forms of merriment during the holidays.

When the dresser of the Queen's privy kitchen, responsible for the decorative presentations to be brought in for the feast, is found hanged and dressed in the peacock's skin and feathers, all know there is murder afoot. But is it a threat against the Queen, or against Sir Robert Dudley, newly made Earl of Leicester, and often called "Peacock" for his fancy clothes and the way he struts?

Once more Queen Elizabeth I must investigate murder at her royal court. With the aid of her "Privy Plot Council," consisting of her chief secretary, Sir William Cecil, her Master of Revels, Ned Topside, her herb mistress, Meg Milligrew, and others. Elizabeth's former governess and now First Lady of the Privy Chamber, Kat Ashley, is no longer able to help, as she has grown feeble and senile, unsure of just what is going on.

Several members of the Queen's court will die, others will appear to be implicated in the murders, as someone tries to ruin the Queen's old-fashioned Christmas and discredit or kill the Queen and her one-time favorite, Robin Dudley. Can the Queen and her privy plot council discover the killer's identity and keep him from ruining Christmas?

*The Queen's Christmas* takes a close and fascinating look at Christmas traditions in the Elizabethan age. Each chapter begins with a recipe, such as Cardamom Christmas Cake, Roast Peacock, Suckets, Roast Suckling Pig, Wassail and many others, somehow related to the events in the chapter. These recipes come from such sources as *The Good Huswives Jewell*, *All the King's Cooks*, and *Food and Feast in Tudor England*, as well as an SCA cooking website. *The Queen's Christmas* is an excellent read for the holiday season.

Happy  
Holidays!  
Merry  
Christmas!  
Joyous Yule!  
Happy  
Festibus!  
Season's  
Greetings!

My apologies if I have omitted your particular favorite Winter Solstice celebration.