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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 **Fall Ball (Off-calendar) – Shadowlands (Bryan/College Station, TX)**
 Winterkingdom - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)

February 2012 (A.S. XLVI)

3-5..... Candlemas - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)
 10-12 Kingdom A&S - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)
 17-19..... Provincial Games - Mooneshadowe (Stillwater, OK)
 Bjornsborg Academy of Defense - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX)
Presidents' Day Weekend
 24-26..... Bonwicke's Artisan and XXX Anniversary - Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)

Populace Meetings

February 2012 Date, Time and Location TBA
 March 2012 Date, Time and Location 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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Dance	Sun 7:00PM	G. Rollie White, Rm 256	Lady Caitlin caitlinlabouche@yahoo.com
Fiber arts	3 rd Tues 7:00PM	Kaitlyn and Rhodri's House	Mistress Kaitlyn mistresskaitlyn@gmail.com
Leatherworking	1st & 3 rd Mon 6:30PM	Ronald and Catan's House	Lord Ronald ronald_the_archer@yahoo.com
Scribes	2 nd or 4 th Tues 7:00PM (maybe 5 th)	Blinn College, Rm. TBA	HL Catherine barb@tamu.edu

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The Shadow Notes

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Baker's Bransle, this year's version of the Small Ball. It will be Saturday, January 28. Look for more information on page 6. It might even be there.

Some guild type activities may change times or dates with the start of the New Year, as people's availabilities change. Check with the guild leader for the most current information.

It is becoming more and more difficult to fill the spaces in the newsletter that I need to fill. Please, PLEASE, PLEASE submit something for publication... An event report, a how-to article, a drawing, a poem.

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

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Officer Reports

From the Seneschal

Welcome back! (At least to a few folks)

Hope you ate well and are ready for the new year, fighter practice is going to be starting again and all of our guilds are still up and running so join in before classes start. War is just in a few months so get started on your projects so they won't have to be last minute.

Ciao,

-Kite the Damaged

From the Treasurer

At last month's populace, we constructed and voted upon the budget for Fall Ball - Baker's Brawl. With at least 45 people in attendance, we should earn a little money on this event. 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.

Koffirma

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

Greetings Shadowlands!

I hope everybody enjoyed their holiday break and had a wonderful time with friends and family and at the New Year's Eve party as well. Now that

everybody is back I just want to throw the word out there about our upcoming event Baker's Bransle!!! It will be held on January 28th and as the name implies there will be lots of baked delicious goods, so please come out and support our shire!

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 AN 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

We've only had one Rapier practice in December, due to the holidays and a bout of rain. Hopefully schedules will settle down and we should resume practice on our normal schedule in January. As usual, everyone is welcome out to fight with us, just bring long sleeves, long pants, close-toed shoes (and groin protection for men).

-Cristram

From the Archery Marshal

Greetings to the populace!

First I would like to wish you all a happy new year! And then on to the business at hand, during the month of December, the shire had an average of 5 archers at each archery practice. Several newcomers tried their hand at archery this month and are showing strong interest in archery.

There is not much happening on the archery front in January, or in February for that matter. The next big event that will include target and/or combat archery will be Gulf Wars in March. If you aren't ready, start preparing now!

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

From the Historian

In December of that year nothing happened of historical significance. Or if it did, no one told me.

Rædric

This Month in the Middle Ages – January

- 1** In 633 MEICEN (Defeat, and death of Edwin, King of Northumbria, by Cadwallon, King of Gwynedd)
- 2** In 1322 Death of King Phillip V, "The Tall" of France
- 3** In 1521 Martin Luther excommunicated
- 4** In 536 Two monks return to Constantinople with the secret of the manufacture of silk
- 5** In 1537 Alessandro de Medici, Duke of Florence, assassinated
- 6** In 1515 Laux Pfister accidentally shoots a whore with a "self-igniting" handgun. It costs him 117 florins in expenses
- 7** In 1477 The body of Charles the Bold is found, half eaten by wolves
- 8** In 1547 Death of King Henry VIII of England
- 9** In 1569 St. Philip of Moscow, Primate of the Russian Church, is killed by Ivan the Terrible
- 10** In 1475 Stephen III of Moldavia defeats the Ottoman Empire at the Battle of Vaslui.
- 11** In 630 Muhammad leads an army of 10,000 to conquer Mecca.
- 12** In 475 Basiliscus becomes Byzantine Emperor, with a coronation ceremony in the Hebdomon palace in Constantinople.
- 13** In 1435 Sicut Dudum is promulgated by Pope Eugene IV about the enslaving of black natives in Canary Islands by Spanish natives.
- 14** In 1301 Andrew III of Hungary dies, ending the Arpad dynasty in Hungary.
- 15** In 1493 Christopher Columbus sets sail for Spain from Hispaniola, ending his first voyage to the New World.
- 16** In 1120 The Council of Nablus is held, establishing the earliest surviving written laws of the Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem.
- 17** In 1524 – Giovanni da Verrazzano sets sail westward from Madeira to find a sea route to the Pacific Ocean.
- 18** In 1574 Gilles Garnier burned as a werewolf in Dole, France
- 19** In 1520 – Sten Sture the Younger, the Regent of Sweden, is mortally wounded at the Battle of Bogesund.
- 20** In 1503 An office is established in Spain to supervise trade with the New World, and to monitor Columbus' expenses
- 21** In 1189 Phillip Augustus, King of France, Henry II, King of England, and Fredrick Barbarossa, Holy Roman Emperor, begin assembling the troops for the Third Crusade
- 22** In 1536 Torture and execution of Brent Knipperdollinck
- 23** In 1570 Assassination of James Stewart, the Earl of Moray
- 24** In 1522 The town council of Wittenberg, Germany imposes an order regulating church finances and forms of worship
- 25** In 1573 MIKATAGAHARA; Takeda Shingen defeats Tokugawa Ieyasu.
- 26** In 724 Death of Caliph Yazid II (of grief over the death of his favorite singing girl)
- 27** In 1186 Henry VI, the son and heir of the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick I, marries Constance of Sicily.
- 28** In 1573 Articles of the Warsaw Confederation are signed, sanctioning freedom of religion in Poland.
- 29** In 1327 Coronation of Edward III of England
- 30** In 1048 The villagers around today's Baden-Baden elect their own priest in defiance of the local bishop.
- 31** In 1531 Ferdinand of Hapsburg, King of Hungary, and John Zapolyai, King of Hungary, reach a truce

The Shadow Reader

By Lord Pædric O'Mullan

Title - *The Sanctuary Seeker*
Author - Bernard Knight
Publisher - Severn House

Sir John de Wolfe is a (fictional) English knight. In the late 1100's he joined King Richard the Lion Heart on the Third Crusade, and became part of the King's bodyguard. After returning to England, de Wolfe was appointed Coroner for Exeter and Devonshire. The office of Coroner was a new position, Custos Placitorum Coronae, or Keeper of the Pleas of the Crown, created in 1195 by King Richard to investigate murder and, rape, and other violent crimes. It was primarily intended as a means of gathering fines to raise money for Richard's wars in France.

In *The Sanctuary Seeker*, Crowner John (as he is often called) investigates the murder of an unidentified man, later identified as a fellow Crusader. In the course of his investigation Crowner John is forced to witness the trial by ordeal of an innocent man. Of course, the ordeal seldom returns a verdict of innocent, so John must find the real killer before the innocent, but now maimed, man is hanged for murder.

Working against Crowner John as he attempts to solve the mystery is the Sheriff of Devonshire, a greedy, corrupt man named Richard de Revelle, who also happens to be Crowner John's brother-in-law. Needless to say, the conflict between the two officials leads to some friction between John and his wife, as does the fact that he has a mistress, an innkeeper in Exeter, where they live.

The Sanctuary Seeker is one of a series called the Crowner John Mysteries, written by Bernard Knight. Although Knight sometimes allows anachronisms to creep into his stories, they are well thought out and interesting, with some of the most realistic descriptions of dead and mutilated bodies I have ever encountered. This comes largely from Bernard Knight's previous career - he spent over 40 years as a forensic pathologist (coroner) and pathology professor in Wales! Knight includes maps of the areas in Devon and Exeter where his story takes place, as well as a glossary of unfamiliar medieval terms which are, often, unfamiliar even to someone with knowledge of the Middle Ages. His descriptions and explanations of the trial by ordeal (banned by the Pope in 1215) and the process of seeking sanctuary and abjuring the realm greatly expanded my knowledge and understanding of these medieval legal practices. I greatly enjoyed *The Sanctuary Seeker*, as well as several other of the books in the Crowner John series.

Don't Miss It!
The Shire of the Shadowlands
Proudly Presents:

Fall Ball IV

The Baker's Bransle

January 28, 2012
At the Hearne Clubhouse In Hearne, Texas

Site fee: \$5

Feast is pot luck (contact Isolde)

There will be Tiny Tourneys for both armored combat and Rapier combatants!

Entertainment will be provided by wandering bards and musicians, plus games and a pilgrimage!

Directions

From Austin and points West:

- Take HW79 to Hearne, Texas

From all other directions:

- Take best route to HW 6 in Hearne Texas
- Turn onto HW 79 headed South
- U-Turn when possible

Common Directions:

- Continue straight as HW 79 becomes W Brown St/FM 391
- (crossing over HW 6)
- Turn LEFT onto Norwood Lane
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