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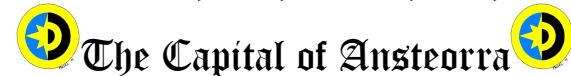
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Calendar of Events

(From the Kingdom Calendar)

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)

March 2012 (A.S. XLVI)

2-4..... OPEN

9-11..... Out of Kingdom: Gulf War XXI (11th - 18th) - Gleann Abhann

16-18..... Out of Kingdom: Gulf War XXI (11th - 18th) - Gleann Abhann

23-25..... OPEN

30-1..... Elfsea Defender - Elfsea (Fort Worth, TX)

Populace Meetings

March 6, 2012..... 119C ZacharyBldg. 7:00PM

April 3, 2012..... 119C ZacharyBldg. 7:00PM

Practices

Practice	Time	Location	Contact
<u>Archery</u>	Sun 3:00PM	Austin's Colony Park	Lord Ronald ronald_the_archer@yahoo.com
<u>Chivalric</u>	Thur 7:30PM	Bee Creek Park, C.S.	Felix Benny_wro@yahoo.com
<u>Rapier</u>	Thur 7:30PM	Bee Creek Park, C.S.	Tristram qantravon@gmail.com

Guilds

Guild	Time	Location	Contact
<u>Brewers</u>	2 nd & 4 th Mon 6:30PM	Ronald and Catan's House	Lord Josef cj2308@yahoo.com
<u>Blacksmithing</u>	On Hiatus	TBA	Lord Josef cj2308@yahoo.com
<u>Cooking</u>	Occasional	Isabelot's House	HL Isabelot isabelotdeforens@gmail.com
<u>Dance</u>	Sun 7:00PM	G. Rollie White, Rm 256	Lady Caitlin caitlinlabouche@yahoo.com
<u>Fiber arts</u>	3 rd Tues 7:00PM	Kaitlyn and Rhodri's House	Mistress Kaitlyn mistresskaitlyn@gmail.com
<u>Leatherworking</u>	1st & 3 rd Wed 6:30PM	Ronald and Catan's House	Lord Ronald ronald_the_archer@yahoo.com
<u>Scribes</u>	TBA	TBA	HL Catherine barb@tamu.edu

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The Shadow Notes

Welcome to Ann of Wellborn, who has become the deputy Chronicler with an eye toward taking over the position this Summer.

**Beginning February 1, 2012 the Shadowlands offices of
Hospitaler
Knight Marshal
Treasurer
Seneschal**

will be open for applications. We will accept applications for these positions until March 31, 2012. The form for the application can be found online at <http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf>. Please give a copy of your application to the current officer, the regional officer and the local seneschal.

Congratulations to all who won competitions at Fall Ball IV: The Baker's Bransle. Lord Diederick Andrieszen won the Rapier Tourney, and the competition for best silly parry weapon. John of Bryn Gwlad captured the most ribbons in the Rapier Ribbon Tourney, Don Thorland O'Shea won the Armored Combat tourney, and HL Antonello del Bello won the Bransle-Off (again).

A huge **THANK YOU!** to all who taught at Fall Ball/Baker's Bransle: Lady Isolde di Waeyer, who taught bread making, HL Isabelot di Forens, who taught gingerbread making, HL Thomas atte Woode who taught calligraphy, and Mistress Annes Clotilda von Bamberg, who taught a class entitled "Your Kitchen is Your Medicine Cabinet". Thank you also to Llewellyn for the dance refresher and to all who taught at War practice.

Thanks and Credits

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Officer Reports

From the Seneschal

Welcome back to our student members, and hello again to everyone at this February populace.

Fall Ball turned out as a smash hit, all of the activities were well attended, so thank each and everyone one of you for doing what you could to support us! (Even if this was sitting at home wishing you could have made it out) We have several things coming up with speed that you might find surprising, especially War, so get your sewing gear together now and make it out to as many guilds as possible to build up what you can bring out, be it new clothes, a new mead, or new tooled leather! While Fall Ball was fantastic, we do have an event on the calendar for Labor Day Weekend of this year, while war comes first, we must not forget that if we want to actually do something, we need to start now!
Ciao,

-Kite the Damaged

From the Treasurer

January has been a good month for the Shire. We were the first group in the Coastal/Southern region to have all of our End Of Year financial documents in on time. As of December 31, 2012, the Shire of the Shadowlands has \$4,632.05. We're getting close to not having enough money to put on a kingdom level event, so /Please/ start thinking about acting on your fundraising ideas. We put together an excellent event on the 28th which may turn out to have earned us a few pennies. Here are the preliminary tallies from Fall Ball:

Gross Income from Gate: \$380

Total Approved Expenses: \$365 (this does not include the \$50 deposit)

On top of the income from persons signed in at gate, we owe a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated money to the Shire. We earned \$89 dollars from donations Saturday. I would like to deliver a special thank you to Baroness Kathri for setting up the fabric sale donation table.

Assuming we spend the maximum approved amount for Fall Ball, it looks like we'll come out of it with a profit. I need all persons intending to submit receipts for reimbursement to do so ASAP. I have reports to fill out, and the sooner you get me your receipts and a check request form (online, or I have copies), the sooner you get paid.

In this edition of the Shadow Knows, you'll find that I have submitted the past two years of financial committee meeting notes. These are for your own pleasure and to make sure that they have in fact been published. Please read through if you'd like to see how the Shire has been spending its money/using its inventory over the past two years.

My final piece of business is to announce that I will be opening my office for applications starting the 1st of February and ending on the last day of March. This gives a full two months for you to submit applications. If you are interested in applying for the job, submit an application for office to me (shadowlands.treasurer@gmail.com), the regional treasurer (southern@treasurer.ansteorra.org) and the seneschal (shadowlands.senechal@gmail.com). Additionally, start reading the Shire's Financial Policy and the Exchequers handbook to get familiar with the policies. I can give you access to both, if you need it.

Kofirma

From the Hospitaller

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, your amazing knight marshal here! Just saying that we had an amazing event and I was happy to see quite a bit of people out. I wanted to inform

everyone that I am opening my knight marshal position for applications. I hope to get a few people looking to get the job (hint hint, wink wink). Anyways, we have had a good amount of people out at fighter practices and I hope to see the same amount come out. See everyone Thursday.

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!

The shire had a reasonably good turnout during January with an average of 5 archers at each archery practice. Also leatherworking guild (and recently archery night) had several shire member repairing crossbows plus making bow strings, archery bracers, and a quiver (well I guess the last two are leatherworking projects). There was also discussion of making arrows and/or crossbow bolts during February.

The only event with archery in February is an off-calendar event at Raven's Fort on the 25th. There will be heavy armored combat and combat archery authorizations plus maybe a bit of melee practice. This will probably be the last chance to get authorized and get in some melee drills before Gulf Wars.

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 fits 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.

A **HUGE** thank you to Ann of Wellborn, who has volunteered to become my deputy with an eye toward taking over as Chronicler in July.
Special thanks to Lord Ronald fitz Robert for printing the newsletter.

In service,
Lord Rædric O'Mullan

From the Historian

In January I was told that in December Sir Rhodri ap Gwythyr and Lady Caitlin Labouche were accepted into the Order of the Shire of the Shadowlands (OSS), also sometimes called the Order of the Shadow (OS). In that same month did the Shadowlands host Fall Ball: The Baker's Bransle, and that was the fourth Fall Ball. At Fall Ball Lord Diederick Andrieszen and Lady Solange de Sarrazin become members of the Order of the Shire of the Shadowlands, and Lady Kolfinna in kyrra Ottarsdottir was accepted into the Meritorious Order of the Shire of the Shadowlands (MOSS). Lord Diederick also won the rapier list, and a prize for best silly parrying device. John of Bryn Gwlad won the most ribbons in the Rapier Ribbon Tourney, and Don Thorland O'Shea won the Armored Combat tourney. Honorable Lord Antonello del Bello won the Bransle-Off, and that was the second time he won, and he was the first repeat champion.

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

Financial Committee Meeting Minutes 2010-2011

February 2010 (AS XLIV)

FCM: 2/2 Location: Populace.
Approved expense for new cash box, purchased by Kristen Denton.

April 2010 (AS XLIV)

FCM: 4/6 Property approved for Loch/Stargate event
Archery kit repaired – ~\$20 approved

May 2010 (AS XLV)

FCM: 5/4 Location: Populace.
Approved withdrawal of \$10 for Demo Flyers to be spent from Hospitaler fund. Flyers to be constructed by Halli Keller.
Arrows - \$40 will repair >40 arrows – approved

June 2010 (AS XLV)

FCM: 6/1 Location: Populace.
Ron Denton requested check for \$36.31 from the archery fund to make bow/arrow repairs. Check was cut same day.
Approved productions/expense for additional TSK for MSC Open House Demo to be written to Pat Mullins.
Approved some money for renting a pavilion for the 19th demo (Just 'Cause Tourney). Catan is treasurer for June/July.

August 2010 (AS XLVI)

FCM: 8/3 Location: Populace.
Approved budget for Coronation - unanimous. Budget includes expenses for site rental, food, Black Star Ads, ACCEPS fee, gate seed, feast food, site tokens, and decorations. Total of \$4,260.

Approved expense for MSC Open House demo table, ice and water.

October 2010 (AS XLV)

FCM: 10/5 Approval for use of loaner gear: Taelor – knees: 3 events, Travis - Archery gear: Gate's Edge

December 2010 (AS XLV)

FCM: 12/7 Location: Populace.
Approved budget for Fall Ball – Ballhala. Total of \$340 includes gate seed, site rental, decorations, food, cleaning supplies.

February 2011 (AS XLV)

FCM: 2/1 Change signature card: Kaitlyn, Kolfinna, Catan, Anna (Isabelot), Sara, Isobail
Need to take the financial policy class, all current :)
Double check your expiration dates
Requests: Howard – clothes for Candlemas – approved.

March 2011 (AS XLV)

FCM: 3/1 Location: Populace.
Approved use of Shire Chivalric and Rapier gear to the following: Howard Sonnier, George, Benjamin Titzer, Gregory Loots, Roger L. Harris, Ben Wroblewski, Travis Poppenhusen, Colleen Fisher. All property is to be returned by 3 Apr 2011.

May 2011 (AS XLVI)

FCM: 5/3 Approved \$45 expense for Open House Reservation.

June 2011 (AS XLVI)

FCM: 6/7 Location: Populace.
Approved use of Shire property at the activity.
\$100 limit on corners & notions for pavilion – approved

Culling loaner garb, i.e. removing garb from the inventory which are damaged beyond repair or not sufficiently “period” – approved
Tubs – banners, clothes, misc. shire stuff – \$50 – approved

July 2011 (AS XLVI)

FCM: 7/5 Location: Populace.
Approved expense for Shire Pavilion supplies (canvas, pole ends, etc).
Approved expense for storage boxes.
Shire pavilion – corners will cost \$100 by themselves - approve \$150
Tubs – too much stuff, tubs are expensive, need to approve more funding, approved additional \$50.

August 2011 (AS XLVI)

FCM: 8/2 Lights – voted to wait until move to other park without lighting
Shire Pavilion – still needs ropes & stakes, but voted not to approve purchase of them until we can determine if making them will be more feasible.

November 2011 (AS XLVI)

FCM: 11/1 Location: Populace.
Approved use of shire Chivalric gear by Logan French at BAM, to be returned at fighter practice following.
Approved the use of Shire Chivalric gear by Greg Loots for 3 Kings, to be returned 1st weekend in November.

December 2011 (AS XLVI)

FCM: 12/6 Location: Populace.
Constructed and approved budget for Fall Ball – Baker's Bransle. An expected expense of \$225 includes site fee, decorations, cleaning supplies, and food. Site fee is \$5.
Break-even point is 45 attendees.
Approved use of Shire Property for the event.

Rinascita... Rebirth... Renaissance

Barone e Baronessa di Raven Forte Pasquale and Giovanna request the pleasure of your company to our Baronial College and Saint Vitus Masked Ball on February 24th to 26th . In the spirit of Rinascita Their Excellencies are holding a day of learning in subjects from all over Ansteorra and the known world. There will be classes covering a large range of the Arts and Sciences, as well as the marshall arts. A tavern will offering food and drinks all day Saturday.

The college and ball will take place at the American Legion Hall in Crockett Texas (100 Brazos Drive, Crockett Texas 75844, <http://www.rvpark134.webs.com/>) The American Legion Hall is located in downtown Crockett in the Crockett City Park, in between the Civic Center & Ag Arena. Right off the Loop 304.

If you would like to teach a class in any period subject Please email Lord Lemoine de Gascony at loco.cerveza@gmail.com with the following information:

SCA Name :
Class Title :
Class Description :
Class length :
Class Fees : (if any)
Age limits : (if any)
Class size limit : (if any)

Once again thank you for your time.

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The Shadow Reader By Lord Padric O'Mullan

Title - *Revelation*
Author - C.J. Sansom
Publisher - Viking

Revelation is another in the Matthew Shardlake Tudor Mystery series. While I have thoroughly enjoyed the others, *Revelation* may be the best I've read. Matthew Shardlake, a barrister in the Lincoln's Inn, has been appointed to the Court of Requests as a reward for his good service in York. The Court of Requests provides an opportunity for the poor of England to have legal representation. On his way to his chambers one day he comes across the grisly scene of a murder in the courtyard at Lincoln's Inn. The victim, Roger Elliard, is a close friend of Shardlake's, who promises Elliard's wife that he will seek justice for her husband. This may be more difficult than it first appears.

After an unsatisfactory Coroner's inquest, closed to the public, at which no verdict is reached, Shardlake is taken to Archbishop Cranmer, where he is sworn to secrecy and told that Elliard's gruesome death is the second to take place in similar fashion, and that the first to die was Lady Catherine Parr's doctor. This suggests that there may be a plot against King Henry VIII's potential new wife (number 6). This is the reason for the secrecy.

As the body count grows, Shardlake, with the aid of his trusty assistant Jack Barak, determines that the murders are not connected to Lady Catherine, but appear to be based on the grim visions described in the Bible's Book of Revelation. The race is on to find a murderer before he can fulfill all the dark prophesies contained in Revelations.

Will Shardlake and the King's Coroner find the killer? Will Shardlake be a victim? *Revelation* focuses on the religious differences, not between Catholics and reformers, but between moderate and radical reformers. The plot is fast-paced and well written, by a man who knows how to write a mystery, and is very knowledgeable about life and the legal system in Tudor England.

This Month in the Middle Ages – February

1. In 1524 Several astrologers predict that London would be swept away by the Thames on this day
2. In 1032 Conrad II, Holy Roman Emperor, claims the throne of Burgundy
3. In 1376 Massacre of the city of Cesena, Italy by Sir John Hawkwood
4. In 1169, a strong earthquake struck the Ionian coast of Sicily, causing tens of thousands of victims, especially in Catania.
5. In 995, Death of William IV, Duke of Aquitaine (b. 937)
6. In 1481 First Auto-da-Fe of the Spanish Inquisition
7. In 1554 Surrender of Thomas Wyatt and end of Wyatt's Rebellion
8. In 1250, AL MANSURAH; Seventh Crusade: Crusaders engage Ayyubid forces
9. In 1088, Death of Muiredach MacRory (Marianus Scotus), Abbot of Ratisbon
10. In 1354 "The Great Slaughter," A riot, in Oxford, England
11. In 1160, death of Minamoto no Yoshitomo, Japanese general (b. 1123)
12. In 1111 Henry V, uncrowned Holy Roman Emperor, kidnaps the Pope
13. In 1575, Henry III of France is crowned at Rheims, marrying Louise de Lorraine-Vaudémont on the same day.
14. In 1400 Murder of Richard II, King of England
15. In 1515 Francis I, King of France, enters Paris after his Coronation
16. In 1486 Maximilian I chosen King of Germany
17. In 1500, HEMMINGSTEDT; Duke Friedrich and Duke Johann attempt to subdue the peasantry of Dithmarschen, Denmark.
18. In 1268, RAKVERE; the Livonian Brothers of the Sword are defeated by Dovmont of Pskov
19. In 0607 Election of Pope Boniface III
20. In 1546 Coronation of Edward VI, King of England
21. In 1508 Michelangelo's "Pope Julius" put in place
22. In 1071 CASSEL; Death of William fitzOsbern
23. In 1554, death of Henry Grey, 1st Duke of Suffolk, English politician and nobleman (b. c.1515)
24. In 1446 Drawing of the earliest known Lottery, in Bruges, Belgium
25. In 1246, Death of Dafydd ap Llywelyn, King of Gwynedd
26. In 1564, Birth of Christopher Marlowe, English dramatist (d. 1593)
27. In 1593 Elizabeth I, Queen of England, reminds Parliament of Her Prerogatives
28. In 1258 Tatars burn Baghdad
29. In 1504, Christopher Columbus uses his knowledge of a lunar eclipse that night to convince Native Americans to provide him with supplies.