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Calendar of Events

(From the Kingdom Calendar)

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)

April 2012 (A.S. XLVI)

6-8..... Glaslyn Defender of the Flame - Glaslyn (Denton, TX)
13-15..... Stargate Baronial Championship - Stargate (Houston, TX)
Wiesenfeuer Baronial - Wiesenfeuer (Oklahoma City, OK)
20-22..... Coronation/King's Champion - TBD
27-29..... Queen's Champion – Hellsgate (Killeen/Ft. Hood, TX)

Easter Weekend

Populace Meetings

April 3, 2012.....119C Zachary Bldg. 7:00PM
May 1.....119C Zachary Bldg. 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>	Thurs. 7:30PM	Bee Creek Park, C.S.	Felix Benny_wro@yahoo.com
<u>Rapier</u>	Thurs. 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

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 Ann of Wellborn, who was safely delivered of her child. The Shire's newest member, Ross the Very, Very Young, was born on February 16 and weighed in at 8 pounds 4 ounces. Mother and child are doing well.

Thanks and Credits

The Mighty Mushroom of the Shadowlands! Photo by Lord Pædríc OMullan (Pat Mullins) – all rights reserved. Badge of the Shire of the Shadowlands, Shadowlands Warrior, The Shadow Reader, – by Lord Pædríc OMullan (Pat Mullins) – all rights reserved. All items used with permission from the original creators.

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

Officer Reports

From the Seneschal

Our War Practice was fantastic!

Thank you to everyone coming out, talking with, and working with our guests. We got a huge number of people authorized, huzzah! For the moment though, War starts this weekend, so prepare yourself, coordinate, and we'll see you there. If you aren't able to join us this year, consider next year and enjoy however you are spending Spring Break.

-Kite the Damaged

From the Treasurer

There were not enough voting members of the Financial Committee to hold a meeting at the February Populace. As such, a supplemental Financial Committee Meeting was held on February 9th during our weekly Shire lunch. The results of said meeting are as follows.

(1) Voted unanimously to make Gulf Wars an official "shire goes to..." event. We can make use of shire property and loaner stuff for the week of War.

(2) Voted unanimously to make the Squires and Cadets event (April 13-15) a "shire goes to..." event.

The final numbers are in from Fall Ball. The net income from gate was \$25. We earned \$89 from donations (many thanks to Kathri's fabric sale). This means we earned a net of \$114 from Fall Ball. This is excellent! Apart from Fall Ball reimbursements, there's been no other financial activity this month.

I'm going to again stress that we need to ACTIVELY start working on fundraising ideas. Gulf Wars is coming up, so I encourage everyone attending to volunteer. Sanitation gets double points. (1) If you have an idea, let the group know. (2) If you have an idea, act on it. It's so much easier to get the group excited about working together if there are people to step up and lead.

On a final note, my office is open for applications until the end of March. If you are interested, don't be shy.

Kolfinnia in kyrra Ottarsdottir
Shadowlands Exchequer

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 to the Shadowlands!

Arts and Science events are going as strong as ever and I am so happy with how many showed up to dance practice when we had our visitors, but just remember you don't have to come only on special occasions you can come every Sunday, so come dance! If dance isn't your thing then try one of our other guilds such as leather working, bender's brewing, or fiber arts so check the Shadowlands website for a list of times if you don't know when they meet and have fun at all the guild events!

Lady Caitlin

From the Armored Combat Marshal

Howdy everyone! Your knight marshal here to say that this month was really good for chivalric fighting! We had a war practice and some great Thursday nights! Reminder that the knight marshal position is open for applications! So if you want to be the knight marshal send me an email! I know everyone is gearing up for war so for the next two practices we will be working on upping our shots and game to be killers for WAR! I hope everyone has a Great War and I hope to see you on the battlefield.

Felix

From the Rapier Marshal

February has been a slow month, with an average of only 4 fighters at practice. We did, however, have an awesome turnout at the Shadowlands War Practice! We had 2 of our fighters authorized, congratulations to Paul and Luther! Remember that War is upon us, so come out to the few practices we have left to hone your skills a bit more.

-Cristram

From the Archery Marshal

Greetings to the populace!

The shire had 2 archery practices during February with an average of 8 archers in attendance. Instead of our normal archery practice on the last Sunday of the month we hosted the Shadowlands War/Authorization Practice. One estimate puts attendance at more than 50 participants. We had armored combat melees with combat archery. Two new combat archers were authorized: Ayla of Raven's Fort and Rayya of Stargate. They will both be joining us in the costal army at Gulf Wars.

Gulf War XXI is upon us. The shire's archery practice will not be held on the 2 Sundays (March 11th and 18th) of Gulf War. For the shire's archers that are going to war, Tuesday is Ansteorra's day to run the target archery range. If you can make yourself available, I'm sure your assistance and support at the range will be greatly appreciated.

Other Gulf War news of interest:

- The archers-only ravine battle will be for a war point for the first time.
- Combat archery will be included in the armored combat bridge battle.

Let's all make an effort to give our enemies the opportunity to die gloriously in battle!

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.

I would love to have some pictures from Gulf War to publish in *The Shadow Knows*. To avoid complications arising from the SCA's newish rules requiring peoples consent to publish photos of them, inanimate objects are best. The castle, the Green Dragon Tavern, banners, etc. are all acceptable. I have blanket consent from the King and Queen, Prince and Princess, to publish their photographic likeness, so those would be cool too... Pictures of combat in which no one's face is identifiable because they are wearing armor are also OK. So a group photo of all the Shire's chiv or rapier fighters with all wearing helms and, hopefully, Shire tabards, would be awesome.

Articles about the goings on at war would also be greatly appreciated...

Special thanks to Lord Ronald fitz Robert for printing the newsletter.

In service,

Lord Rædric O'Mullan

From the Historian

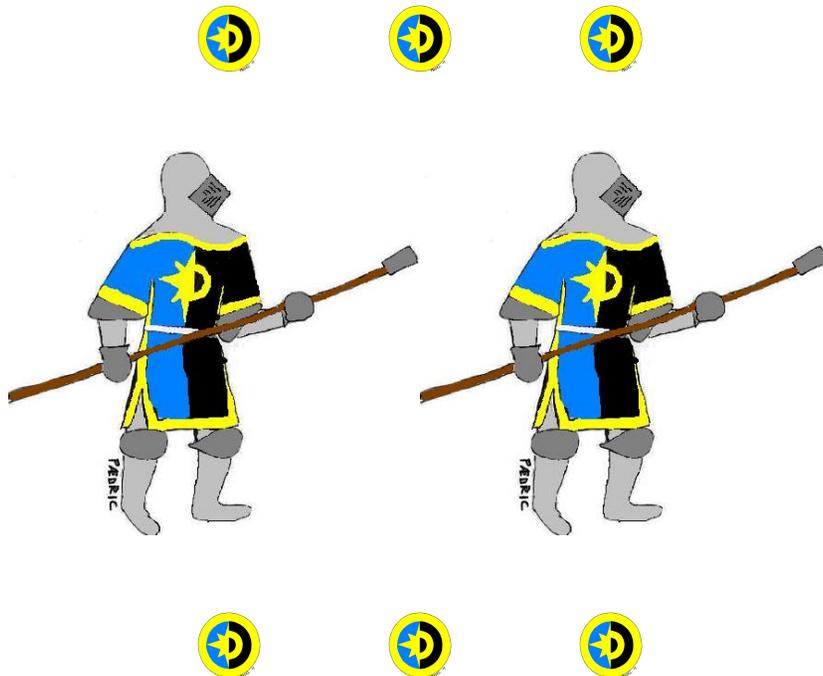
In February the shire hosted a War Practice. People traveled from far and wide to get authorizations and instruction, and to practice their combat skills.

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



The Shadow Reader

By Lord Rædric O'Mullan

Title – *Calligraphy and Illumination – A History and Practical Guide*

Author – Patricia Lovett

Publisher – Harry N. Abrams, Inc.

This month I have once again departed from my usual practice of reviewing a historical novel. I do this because I have come across a book that I believe will be useful to anyone interested in calligraphy and illumination, from beginners to much more advanced artisans who want to make their work more period. While I believe that Marc Drogin's *Medieval Calligraphy* is the most useful book I have found on period letter forms and how to reproduce them, Lovett's *Calligraphy and Illumination – A History and Practical Guide* is by far the best book I have ever found on all other aspects of the scribal arts.

Patricia Lovett is a professional scribe, and chair of the Calligraphy and Lettering Arts Society of England. She provides a great deal of useful information on calligraphy, from getting started, to how to accurately reproduce period lettering styles, to how to acquire vellum or parchment, and how to prepare it for use. She also includes instructions for selecting and preparing quills, as well as making period ink. She even includes the medieval recipe: "To make hynke take galles". There is also a section on gilding, with a recipe (modern, alas, but probably redacted from a period source) for making gesso, as well as instructions for applying the gesso and then gold leaf.

In a different section she discusses painting, with tips for mixing pigments to produce quality colors. For example, while most people know that mixing red and blue makes purple, mixing alizarin crimson with ultramarine blue makes a bright purple, but mixing ultramarine with vermilion or cadmium red makes a dull, muddy purple.

The section on illumination, which provides an overview of page decoration through history, is contributed by Michelle P. Brown, Curator of Illuminated Manuscripts at the British Museum.

Further, there is an extensive section on heraldry, including its history, the parts of an achievement of arms, and information on designing and painting a coat of arms, including which pigments work best for the various tinctures. There is also information on modern uses of heraldry, including corporate and civic heraldry. While most of this information is pretty basic, and it would certainly be best to consult with an SCA herald to design SCA heraldry, it does give a lot of useful and interesting information. Of particular interest, even to heralds, is a section on the work of the modern herald, contributed by Hubert Chesshyre, Clarenceaux King of Arms, one of the top ranking professional heralds in England, or for that matter, in the world.

Calligraphy and Illumination – A History and Practical Guide is one of the most useful books I have ever seen for those interested in calligraphy, illumination, or heraldic art. I highly recommend it for anyone interested in any, or all, of these fields!

This Month in the Middle Ages – March

1. In 1469 William Caxton begins to translate "Receuil of the Histories of Troy" from the French, to become the first book printed in English
2. In 1476 GRANDSON (defeat of the Burgundians by the Swiss)
3. In 1033 Death of St. Cunegunda, Queen of Bavaria
4. In 1222 CHATEAUBRIANT (Bretons defeat French)
5. In 1380 Construction begins on St. Mary's College, Oxford, England
6. In 1515 Christian II, King of Norway and Denmark, becomes King of Sweden
7. In 1573 Venice recognizes the Turkish rule of Cyprus
8. In 1574 An English expedition sets out from Galway to hunt down kill pirate and clan chieftain Grace O'Malley (Granuaile)
9. In 1566 Murder of David Riccio, musician and secretary to Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, by the Lords of the Congregation
10. In 1208 Pope Innocent III calls for a Crusade against the Albigensians
11. In 1566 Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, receives Moray and his adherents
12. In 1229 Frederick II of Germany arrives in Jerusalem
13. In 1569 JARNAC (Huguenots defeated by Royalists); death of the Prince of Conde
14. 1381 – Chioggia concludes an alliance with Zadar and Trogir against Venice, which becomes changed in 1412 in Šibenik.
15. In 0933 MERSEBURG (Henry V, "the Fowler", King of Germany, defeats the Magyars)
16. In 1244 over 200 Cathars are burned after the Fall of Montségur (Albigensian Crusade)
17. In 1058 Malcolm III (Canmore) becomes King of Scotland
18. In 971 Assassination of St. Edward the Martyr, King of England
19. In 0624 Mohammed proclaims the "Day of Deliverance"
20. In 1239 Yet another excommunication of Frederick II, Holy Roman Emperor
21. In 1146 Bernard of Clairveaux preaches the Second Crusade
22. In 1221 Coronation of Robert of Courtenay as King of Rumania
23. In 1324 Excommunication of Louis IV, Holy Roman Emperor
24. In 1241 Mongols under Kaidu take Cracow, Poland
25. In 1306 Robert I, "the Bruce," crowned King of Scots at Scone
26. In 1461 TOWTON (Defeat of Henry VI of England by Edward IV of England, start of the Wars of the Roses)
27. In 0922 Execution of Abu al-Mughith-al-Husayn ibn Mansur al-Hallaj, for heresy
28. In 1369 Assassination of Pedro, "the Cruel," King of Castile, by Henry of Trastamara at Montiel
29. In 0403 POLLENTIA (Goths invade Italy)
30. In 1292 Massacre of Berwick by Edward I, King of England
31. In 1571 British seize fortress of Dumbarton, Scotland