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## **Calendar of Events** (From the Kingdom Calendar)

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

6-8..... Glaslyn Defender of the Flame - Glaslyn (Denton, TX)  
**Easter Weekend**  
13-15..... Squires and Cadets Invitational - Stargate (Houston, TX)  
Wiesenfeuer Baronial - Wiesenfeuer (Oklahoma City, OK)  
20-22..... Coronation/King's Champion Elfsea (Fort Worth, TX)  
27-29..... Queen's Champion – Hellsgate (Killeen/Ft. Hood, TX)

### May 2012 (A.S. XLVII)

4-6..... Loch Soillier Baronial Championship - Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX)  
Castellan - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)  
11-13..... Guardian of the Tor XXI - Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, TX)  
18-20..... Eldern XXXIV - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)  
25-27..... Steppes Warlord - Steppes (Dallas, TX)  
Out of Kingdom: Grand Outlandish 39 (24th - 28th) - Outlands  
**Memorial Day Weekend**

## **Populace Meetings**

May 1..... 119C Zachary Bldg. 7:00PM  
June 5..... Time and Location TBA

## **Practices**

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

## **Guilds**

<b>Guild</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<u>Brewers</u>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 6:30PM	Ronald and Catan's House	Lord Josef <a href="mailto:cj2308@yahoo.com">cj2308@yahoo.com</a>
<u>Blacksmithing</u>	On Hiatus	TBA	Lord Josef <a href="mailto:cj2308@yahoo.com">cj2308@yahoo.com</a>
<u>Cooking</u>	Occasional	Isabelot's House	HL Isabelot <a href="mailto:isabelotdeforens@gmail.com">isabelotdeforens@gmail.com</a>
<u>Dance</u>	Sun 7:00PM	G. Rollie White, Rm 256	Lady Caitlin <a href="mailto:caitlinlabouche@yahoo.com">caitlinlabouche@yahoo.com</a>
<u>Fiber arts</u>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 7:00PM	Kaitlyn and Rhodri's House	Mistress Kaitlyn <a href="mailto:mistresskaitlyn@gmail.com">mistresskaitlyn@gmail.com</a>
<u>Leatherworking</u>	1st & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 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 **Lady Álfurín Gunnvarardóttir**, who received an AoA at war. Congratulations also to Kite the Damaged, who received a Sable Falcon, and Lord Orin Ketilsson, of Shadowlands South, who received a Sable Talon for Chivalric combat

Congratulations to lord Ronald fitz Robert, who won the Arc d'Or Archery tournament and competed in the Grand Exhibition Tournament)

Congratulations to Lord Diederick Andrieszen, who won first place for Period Fencing in the Trimeran Rapier Tournament.

Congratulations to Luther of the Shadowlands, who finished second in a rapier tourney, although no one seems to be sure which one. Rumor says it may have been the Everyman Tourney.

Huzzah for the Shadowlands, which, along with three or four people from another kingdom, provided security for the Knowne Worlde Party. We totally kept the people in line.

## Thanks and Credits

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## 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

What a month! War came and went and Shadowlands is once again honored by our members. Congratulations to everyone who was awarded something this year, and thank you to everyone who came for making the tabards so well noticed.

If anyone has interest in becoming the Seneschal, please let me know ASAP! The application remains open again this month so please apply or if you are curious come talk to me about what the job entails (luckily, it isn't much).

Squires, Cadets, and Arcarius is quickly approaching so be sure to attend as many things as possible to compete in as many fields as you can! It is a "Shire goes to..." event so even if you are not considering competing, come out and enjoy the day and support those competing. Clean tabards suggested, not required.

*-Kite the Damaged*

## From the Treasurer

We made it through Gulf Wars unharmed. I'll be contacting officers over the next week or so to confirm that all the borrowed shire property has been returned.

Please Note: if you borrowed Shire property and you do not return it within one month, you will be held responsible for the replacement/return of all such items.

A second note: my office has been open for applications since February. As of yet, I have had no one volunteer to take the position. Here's hoping that Populace night I will be able to announce the applicants for Treasurer.

We've gone back to little financial activity (which is good for the paperwork). As far as our bank account goes, the only deposits this month will be the usual monthly interest payment.

We held a Fudrucker's Profit Share Fundraiser. Keep your ears open during Populace for an announcement of how much money we earned. I want to give a huge thanks to Caitlin for organizing the Profit Share. Please keep suggesting ideas for fundraisers, and even better: keep acting on them. Someone mentioned doing a Spoons Profit Share (who doesn't like Yogurt?), anyone want to organize it? Please contact me if you have any financial or inventory questions.

*Kolfinna in kyyra Ottarsdottir*  
Shadowlands Exchequer

## 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 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! I hope this is my last knight marshal report for the Shadowlands seeing that my office is open to take!

I heard War went well even though Sir Rhodri and I were not there, I know that our fighters made us look amazing. Practices have been up and down lately and I have seen new faces as well as older. This next month will be very hectic for me school wise so I hope my office is taken soon. Lets make this next month a great month of bruises and battles! See ya'll on the field.

*Felix*

## From the Rapier Marshal

Rapier practice this month has been fairly absent. Due to Gulf Wars (and a lot of rain), we've only had 2 practices, with a handful of people at each. Hopefully, it will dry up next month so we can get out and practice some more.

*-Tristram*

## From the Archery Marshal

Greetings to the populace!

Well, we made it through another Gulf War with the shire's archers performing well on the fields of battle and at the butts.

On the home front in March, the shire had 2 archery practices with an average of 7 archers in attendance.

For archers looking for an opportunity to shine in the coming months, the baronies of Stargate and Loch Soilleir will be hosting the Tourney of Squires, Cadets, and Arcarius, on April 14. Initial rumors indicate there will be target and combat archery competitions.

In addition, entrants are encouraged to compete in the A&S, quest, and dance competitions to accumulate points for overall placement in the tournament. A bit further out, Stargate and Loch Soilleir have their combined baronial championships on May 4-6.

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.

Thank you to Ann of Wellborn, called Forgetful, who has begun assisting me in producing *The Shadow Knows*, in preparation for taking over as Chronicler.

Many thanks to Mistress Kaitlyn for allowing her photos to be used on the cover. And thanks to the Trimarans for providing all the pretty bruises...

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

In service,

*Lord Rædric O'Mullan*

## From the Historian

In March many from the Shire travelled to war. It was there that Álfrún Gunnvarardóttir received an Award of Arms, and it was much deserved and long awaited. Also at war did Kite the Damaged receive a Sable Falcon for her skills in combat, and Orin Kettelson a Sable Talon, also for skill in chivalric combat. Lord Diederick Andrieszen won a period rapier competition in the Trimaran Tourney, and Luther of the Shadowlands finished second in another tourney. Lord Ronald fitz Robert won the Arc d'Or Archery tournament and competed in the Grand Exhibition Tournament. The Shadowlands, along with a few individuals from another kingdom, provided security for the Known World Party, and prevented riot, mayhem, and pillaging from breaking out.

*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](mailto:vs.shadowlands@gmail.com)

## The Shadow Reader By Lord Rædric O'Mullan

Title – *The Greatest Knight*  
*The Scarlet Lion*

Author – Elizabeth Chadwick

Publisher – Sourcebooks Landmark

*The Greatest Knight* and *The Scarlet Lion* are, together, a biography of Sir William Marshal, one of the greatest knights in English history. From his humble beginnings as a simple hearth knight in the service of Sir Guillaume de Tancarville to the end of his days as Regent of England in the early years of the reign of the child king Henry III, William Marshal left his mark all over the history of England during this tumultuous period.

As a child William Marshal was sent as a hostage to the court of King Stephen during the period known as the Anarchy. When his father changed allegiance to support Queen (or if you prefer, Empress) Matilda, King Stephen threatened to take the life of young William, to which his father is said to have replied “I have the hammer and anvil to make more and better sons.” King Stephen could not bring himself to take the life of a five year old, and granted young William his life, thus starting him on his path to greatness.

After leaving the service of his uncle, Lord Tancarville, William Marshal joined the tourney circuit. Although tourneys were prohibited in England at the time, Marshal quickly became famous, not only in England, but across all of Western Europe. He served in the retinue of four kings, Henry II, Richard I, John I, and Henry III. (five if you count Young King Henry, eldest son of Henry II, who was crowned co-king with his father, but never held any real power and died before his father.)

Elizabeth Chadwick has done thorough and careful research into the life of and times of Sir William Marshal. The result is a fascinating and informative work of biographical fiction so extensive it had to be split into two volumes, and so entertaining it was difficult to put down (until it was time to change books.) If you are interested in Sir William Marshal, or 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> century English history, do yourself a favor and read these books!

# This Month in the Middle Ages – April

1. In 1548 Parliament orders "The Book of Common Prayer" printed in English
2. In 1566 two hundred noblemen petition Margaret of Parma to abolish the Inquisition in the Netherlands, and acquire the nickname "Les Gueux"
3. In 1279 Kublai Khan defeats the Sung Chinese in a battle at sea
4. In 1297 James II, King of Aragon, given Corsica & Sardinia by the Pope
5. In 1494 The Santa Maria del Fiore church in Florence is struck by lightning
6. In 1580 One of the largest earthquakes recorded in the history of England, Flanders, or Northern France, takes place.
7. In 1498 The Ordeal by Fire in Florence
8. In 1525 Albert von Brandenburg assumes the title of "Duke of Prussia" and establishes Prussia as a Protestant state
9. In 1242 LIEGNITZ (Mongols defeat Polish and German Knights)
10. In 1257 Aibex, Caliph of Egypt, murdered by his wife
11. In 1506 Construction begins on a new Vatican basilica
12. In 1504 Treaty of Guerande; the House of Blois cedes Brittany to John IV de Montfort
13. In 1598 Henry IV of France issues the Edict of Nantes, allowing freedom of religion to the Huguenots.
14. In 1341 Sack of Saluzzo (Italy) by Italian-Angevine troops under Manfred V of Saluzzo.
15. In 1450 FORMIGNY (Hundred Years' War) French annihilate English forces, ending English domination in Northern France.
16. In 1525 Jaeklein Rorhbach and the Heller Haufen storm Weinsburg, Germany (Peasant Revolt)
17. In 1492 Columbus named Admiral and Viceroy by the Capitulationes de Santa Fe
18. In 1025 Bolesław Chrobry is crowned in Gniezno, becoming the first King of Poland.
19. In 1530 Henry VIII, King of England, issues Letters Patent to Thomas Benolt, Clarenceaux King-of-Arms. This is the first recorded Heraldic Visitation
20. In 1545 Massacre of the Waldensians in Provence, France
21. In 1526 PANIPAT (Babur defeats Sultan of Delhi);
22. In 1233 Pope Gregory IX establishes the Order of Preachers as Inquisitors in France
23. In 1016 Death of Aethelred, "the Redeless," King of England (also known as Aethelred the Unready)
24. In 1066 Halley's Comet appears over Europe.
25. In 1566 Death of Louise Labe, the "Belle Cordiere," and poet, who served in the Royal Army of France as a cavalryman under the name "Loys"
26. In 1396 Death of St. Stephen of Perm
27. In 1578 Duel of the Mignons claims the lives of two favorites of Henry III of France and two favorites of Henry I, Duke of Guise.
28. In 1282 The Sicilian uprising reaches Messina
29. In 1307 Marmaduke de Tweng's first Faire opens at Kendal, England
30. In 1513 Edmund de la Pole, Yorkist pretender to the English throne, is executed on the orders of Henry VIII.