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Calendar of Events (From the Kingdom Calendar)

May 2012 (A.S. XLVII)

4-6.....Stargate/Loch Soilleir Baronial Championships - 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

June 2012 (A.S. XLVII)

1-3..... Beltane Games - Namron (Norman, OK)
8-10..... Champions of Bonwicke - Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)
Out of Kingdom: Lilies War XXVI (8th - 17th) - Calontir
15-17..... Hellsgate Commanders Crucible - Hellsgate (Ft. Hood, TX)
Out of Kingdom: Lilies War XXVI (8th - 17th) - Calontir
22-24..... King's College - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)
Out of Kingdom: Known World Music and Dance Symposium 9 (21st - 24th) - Midrealm
Out of Kingdom: Known World Heraldic and Scribal - East
29-1..... Lady of the Lake - Adlersruhe (Amarillo, TX)

Populace Meetings

June 5..... Kaitlyn and Rhodri's House 7:00PM
July 3..... Isabelot's House 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. | Lord Aldred grloots@aol.com |
| <u>Rapier</u> | Thurs. 7:30PM | Bee Creek Park, C.S. | Lord 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

Happy Birthday to the SCA, which turned 46 on May 1. Please note that this also means the beginning of a new SCA year, A.S. XLII.

Congratulations to Lady Kolfinna in kyrra Ottarsdottir who received a Sable Comet for her service to the Shire of the Shadowlands, Capital of Ansteorra! Congratulations also to **Lady Kite** the Damaged, **Lord Vriedl** von Neuben, **Lord Felix** of the Shadowlands, **Lord Tristram** of the Shadowlands and **Lord Aldred** of the Shadowlands, all of whom received Awards of Arms. All of these awards were given at Squires, Cadets, and Arcarius.

Lord Ronald fitz Robert would have received a Sable Comet and a Sable Talon, and **Lord Felix** of the Shadowlands would have received an Award of Arms, at Squires Cadets and Arcarius, but neither was in attendance. Instead they received them at the May Populace meeting

By signing and having Kolfinna's charter read in court, King Aaron became the third King of Ansteorra to acknowledge the Shadowlands as the Capital of Ansteorra, along with Duke Ulsted and Count Owen.

Congratulations to Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna, who was named Arcarius Champion at Squires, Cadets, and Arcarius. Kaitlyn won the archery and dance competitions, as well as the quest. The only competition she entered but did not win was A&S.

A big THANK YOU to Demere for teaching a class on glass bead making!

The schedule of practices and guild meetings will probably be changing for the summer. Please keep an eye on the Shire list, or Facebook, or check the calendar on the Shire webpage for the most current information.

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
The Shadowlands also has a closed group on Facebook.com. Just register as a Facebook user, type in Shadowlands, and ask to join. Or friend Robbin Foster (Mistress Kaitlyn), and ask her to include you.

Officer Reports

From the Outgoing Seneschal

Greetings Shadowlanders!

The school year is coming to a close and we are preparing not only for finals, but the inevitable shift in activities that occurs. Please stay in touch, either by visiting or emailing on the list (shadowlandssca@yahoo.com) and perhaps join for a few of your favorite activities.

Sadly not all plans occur just as we hope, so I am stepping down as Seneschal this month. Please help me welcome Kaitlyn McKenna as our new Seneschal!

-Kite the Damaged

From the Incoming Seneschal

Greetings from Kaitlyn McKenna, incoming Seneschal,

I would like to thank Lady Kite for her service as seneschal over the last year and wish her well in her future endeavors. In addition, please thank Lady Kolfinna for her years of service as our treasurer and welcome Lady Catan as our treasurer once again. The Knight Marshal and Hospitaler should be transitioning this month as well. If you have an interest in serving the Shire as an officer, please contact the current officer or myself to get involved. If there are things you want to do, the officers are there to help make it happen. Please be forthcoming with ideas and opinions on the current and future activities for the group.

Mark your calendars for August 21 to September 2 for the Shire's calendar event and Texas A&M Open House, our biggest recruitment opportunity of the year. The Shire still needs concepts, coordinators, and crew. Please let me know if you are interested in participating. We have but a short time (June 30) to get the event organized and publicized.

Communication is important for the Shire to both keep our current members informed, as well as connecting with new members. Everyone should help interested individuals be aware of our yahoo newsgroup, the Facebook group, and the Shire website to stay current on available activities. In addition, I am always available via electronic methods or the good ole fashioned face to face discussion to address any concerns. I want to keep the Shire active, friendly, and having fun! You can help!

In Service,

-Kaitlyn McKenna

From the Treasurer

"Here begins my final Exchequer report. <sniffle> As of the end of March, the Shire has \$4,731.01 in our bank account. Both the quarterly and monthly reports have been submitted. We finally cleared all the checks from our Fall Ball event, and it turned out well.

I am still waiting to hear back from Caitlin LaBouche on the turnout from the Fudrucker's profit share. With luck she will have final money totals for us at Populace. On top of that, we are expecting (probably not until June) to receive a check for Gulf Wars volunteer hours. Thanks to the hard work of people like Lord Aldred and Lord Ronald fitz Robert, we should get a decent-sized check.

As to shire inventory, Shadowlands was gifted a large garage pavilion the weekend of Squires, Cadets, and Arcarius. This pavilion needs a home. Currently, it lives in my car, and I don't think anyone wants me to take it with me to Bonwicke in July.

For all you officers who will be turning over your positions (Knight Marshal, Hospitaler, Seneschal, Chronicler, and Treasurer) you MUST coordinate with me/Catan to conduct an inventory of your officer possessions so that we can formally transition the Shire property and so that I can update the inventory. Not only that, officers who have a vote in the financial committee MUST take a financial policy class ASAP. Financial Policy classes are offered at every Round Table/Red Tape event. Check the Kingdom calendar for specifics. That being said, I will be stepping down as the Shadowlands Exchequer. I truly enjoyed being an officer in this group. I am still waiting on official word from my Regional, but Catan ingen Michel has applied for the position, and I believe she will be able to take over in April."

Kolfinna 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 all!

I am so excited at the great turnout we had for our local Squires and Cadet's event! All those long hours spent at dance practice surely paid off for the dance competition, the shire did exceptionally well and I am so proud of all our dancers who competed! A special congrats goes to our Mistress Kaitlyn who won the dance! Shadowlands Rejoice! Another shout out goes to Demere for teaching the lampworking class April 28th. So please let me know what everybody thinks of the class so we could potentially do more like them. Also lets start thinking of what we want to do A&S wise over the summer so let me and your guildmasters know your summer preferences and we will get a summer schedule set for everybody. Good luck on finals for the students in the group and see you next month!

Lady Caitlin Labouche
Shadowlands MoAS

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. Let's 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!

In April we had 3 archery practices with an average attendance of 5 archers. Also, congratulations to Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna for mopping up the competition at Squires, Cadets, and Arcarius, by winning the target archery tournament and best Arcarius competition.

For archers wishing to flaunt their skills, there are 5 archery championship tournaments in May. First, on May 4-6, Stargate and Loch Soilleir have their combined baronial championships. On May 11-13, Dragonsfire Tor will select their archery guardian. Finally at Steppes Warlord, on May 25-27, a Steppes archer and a Royal Huntsman will be selected.

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 (Outgoing) Chronicler

With any luck, this will be my last issue of *The Shadow Knows*. (Kolfinna may sniffle at writing her last report, but I REJOICE at writing mine!) I am not going anywhere, and will continue contributing art and articles, including The Shadow Reader book reviews (which seem to be more popular outside the Shire than within.)

Ann of Wellborn, called Forgetful, has taken the warranting class, and should hopefully take over completely next month. In fact she has done much of the work on this issue, for which I am extremely grateful.

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

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

In service,

Lord Rædric O'Mullan

From the Historian

In April many from the Shire attended Squires, Cadets, and Arcarius Invitational. It was there that Lady Kolfinna received a Sable Comet for her service to the Shire, and **Lady Kite**, **Lord Aldred**, **Lord Vriedl**, and **Lord Tristram** received AoAs. Lord Ronald was summoned to court to receive **two** awards, a Sable Comet for service to the Shire, and a Sable Talon for Archery, and Felix of the Shadowlands was summoned to receive an Award of Arms, but neither was able to attend the Crown at that time. Maybe next year! And King Aaron was the third King to acknowledge the Shadowlands as Capital of Ansteorra. Mistress Kaitlyn excelled at the event, winning three of the four competitions she entered (archery, dance, and quest) and being named Arcarius Champion. Also that month did Demere (whose full name and titles are unknown to me) teach a class in the making of glass beads. And the year A.S. XLVI drew to a close.

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

A Celebration of the Shadowlands

By Lord Rædric O'Mullan

The Shadowlands had an event recently, "A Celebration of the Shadowlands." Just kidding! Actually the event was the Tournament of Squires, Cadets, and Arcarius, and it was hosted by the great Baronies of Stargate and Loch Soilleir. But consider:

The site was in Brenham, part of Shadowlands domain based on zip codes. The owner of the property is Sir Alexis Labouche, whose daughter is Lady Caitlin Labouche, (Shadowlands). Among our hosts were the Baron and Baroness of Loch Soilleir, Don Caelan MacRob and Mistress Rhiannon verch Bryan, (both formerly Shadowlands). The event stewards were HG Mistress Ebergardis von Zell, wife of HG Sir Ulsted the Unsteady (formerly Shadowlands) and Baroness Cristyana Lambrecht, apprentice to Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna (Shadowlands).

Okay, those last two were a bit of a stretch. But there's more! The feast steward was Lady Hennessey O'Donoghue, (formerly Shadowlands.) The organizer of the Arts and Sciences competition was Mistress Clara von Ulm (formerly Shadowlands.) The Quest was planned by Sir Rhodri ap Gwythyr (Shadowlands), but he was unable to attend, so it was run in his absence by Master Francois la Flamme (Shadowlands). There was even an artillery demonstration, with the firing of a period mortar built and fired by HL Krag von Bergen (formerly Shadowlands).

Mistress Kaitlyn won three of the six competitions that comprised the Tourny of Squires, Cadets and Arcarius, and didn't enter two. She was also named the Arcarius Champion. The winner of the rapier list and Cadets Champion was Isaac von Basel (formerly Shadowlands). More members of the Shadowlands received awards from the Crown than any other group. Finally, her Majesty Queen Amelot said during evening Court that The Shadowlands is her "new favorite Barony!" Well, we may only be a Shire, but the mushroom casts a long shadow. Maybe that's why we are the CAPITAL OF ANSTEORRA!

This Month in the Middle Ages – May

1. In 1308 King Albert of Germany murdered by his disinherited nephew
2. In 1389 Richard II, King of England, takes power from his Council
3. In 1241 A Papal/Genoese fleet is taken by Imperial ships
4. In 1471 TEWKESBURY (defeat of Queen Margaret of England by Edward IV)
5. In 1382 BRUGES (Philip van Artevelde victor over the Count of Flanders)
6. In 1312 Council of Vienne abolishes the Templars, and condemns the Beguines
7. In 1525 Thomas Munzer, leader of the German Peasant's Revolt, beheaded
8. In 1429 English abandon the Siege of Orleans
9. In 1216 Faire at Droitwich, England
10. In 1130 Death of St. Isidore the Farm-Servant
11. In 912, Alexander becomes Emperor of the Byzantine Empire.
12. In 1588 Day of the Barricades, Paris, France; Henry III flees the city
13. In 1568 LANGSIDE (Defeat of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots)
14. In 1264 LEWES (Henry III loses to the Earl of Leicester)
15. In 1536, Anne Boleyn, Queen of England, stands trial in London on charges of treason, adultery and incest. She is condemned to death by a specially-selected jury.
16. In 1527 The Medici government in Florence is overthrown; the Republic is re-established
17. In 1242 The landing of Henry III, King of England, in France, to assert his claim to the French Throne
18. In 1152 Marriage of Henry II, King of England, to Eleanor of Aquitaine
19. In 1214 London granted a Charter authorizing the election of city officials
20. In 1259 Henry III, King of England, cedes Normandy to France
21. In 1420 Betrothal of Henry VI, King of England, to Catherine de Valois of France; England and France swear perpetual peace
22. In 1509 Death of Henry VII Tudor, King of England
23. In 1373 Chaucer returns from Italy
24. In 1089 Death of Lanfranc, Archbishop of Canterbury
25. In 1184 Monastery in Glastonbury, England, destroyed by fire
26. In 1532 France allies with Bavaria, Saxony and Hesse against Ferdinand of Hapsburg
27. In 735 Death of St. Bede "the Venerable", English chronicler
28. In 1587 Spanish Armada sets sail for England
29. In 1176 LEGANO (Defeat of Holy Roman Empire by First Lombard League)
30. In 1593 Death of Christopher Marlowe, English playwright, killed in a duel
31. In 1257 PONTARGOTTN (Welsh victory over England)