

The Shadow

Knows

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The Rain Comes Down

By Anna Maleine

(sung to the tune of
Three Blind Mice)

The rain comes down.
The rain comes down.

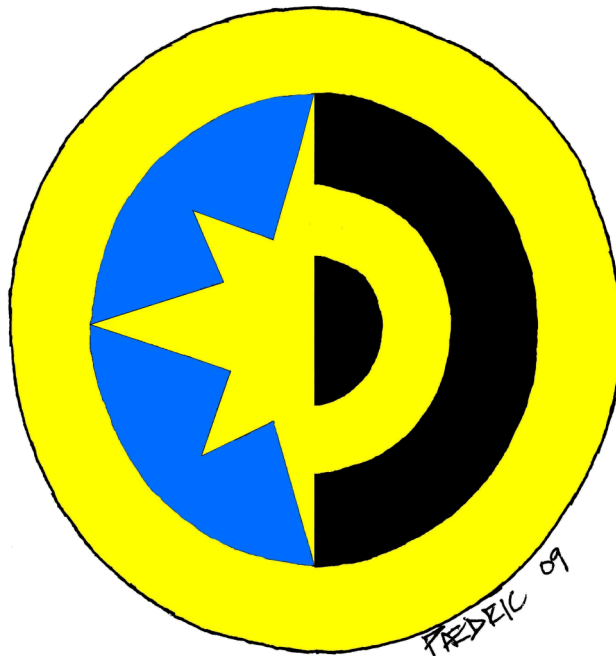
See how it falls!
See how it falls!

The water went up into
the sky.

The temperature
dropped, oh my! Oh my!

Thick clouds are quickly
racing by.

The rain comes down.
The rain comes down.



Gulf Wars Preparation Edition

Hear Ye!
Hear Ye!



Gulf Wars is
upon us!

Prepare Ye for
WAR!

Garb, Gear,
Transportation?

Sign up,
and remember
we are camping
with
Tir Medoin.

Newsletter for the Shire of the Shadowlands

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Shadowlands' Officers and what they do

Seneschal: Theophanes of the Shadowlands

[Modern name: Bryan Wagner]

The Seneschal acts as the local business manager for the group, helps facilitate answers to SCA questions, schedules Shire activities, and helps keep the group on course. Contact at: shadowlands.seneschal@gmail.com or 979-218-8870

Theophanes is his given name, but most know him as Tiffani. He is a citizen of the Byzantine Empire with interests in archery, food, and any other activity time permitting.

Herald: OPEN

The Shire of the Shadowlands does not currently have a branch herald; if you need assistance with heraldry please contact the Eclipse Herald (Southern Regional Herald) at: southern@herald.ansteorra.org

Hospitaler: OPEN

Kaitlyn McKenna (acting hospitaler)

[Modern name: Robbin Foster]

The hospitaler is the keeper of the loaner garb and general go-to person for getting started. They greet newcomers and help them become oriented to and involved in the present middle ages. If someone needs to borrow garb or equipment for an event, the Hospitaler helps them to check out loaner items. Contact at: shadowlands.hospitaler@gmail.com or shadowlands.seneschal@gmail.com

Knight Marshal: OPEN

[Modern name:]

The Knight Marshal is in charge of the Chivalric activities for the shire. This includes heavy fighting, armor, and learning about chivalry, which is after all, one of the major reasons why anyone would choose to join our society, and guiding all fighters to develop good safety habits. Contact at:

Rapier Marshal: Lord Steven Paul Blakely (Staltus)

[Modern name: Steve Herring]

The Rapier Marshal's job is to ensure that fighters obey the safety rules of the Kingdom and are not presenting a danger to themselves or others. In light of that, it is recommended that everyone go to <http://rapier.ansteorra.org> and read the current Rapier Rules for Ansteorra. It is CRUCIAL that all the fighters make themselves intimately familiar with these rules. Fun must be done safely as possible! Contact at: Staltus@gmail.com

Lord Steven Paul Blakely, also called STALTUS, is an edgy blade, certainly sharp enough for the task of teaching the safe handling of pointy objects, who instructs all comers in the duck and thrust of rapier fighting. He is the proud holder of the Sable Thistle for Juggling, Sable Talon, and winner of Queens Rapier. Enjoy learning!

Archery Marshal: Kaitlyn McKenna

[Modern name: Robbin Foster]

The Archery Marshal supervises the safety of all official shire archery activities, as well as helping archers get started with archery. Marshal training is currently happening. If you are interested in target archery or combat archery, please contact shadowlands.archery@gmail.com. Loaner gear is available at practice.

Mistress (or Baroness) Kaitlyn McKenna is a 15th Century Burgundian lady trapped in marriage with an old Welsh knight. She is recognized in the Arts and Sciences by the Order of Laurel and in many officer positions, but especially as an Exchequer, by the Order of the Pelican. Her interests include costuming, weaving, fiber arts, dance, archery, and anything to do with the 15th century. Kaitlyn is a master instigator, inspiring and helping others to achieve their own goals. Look for a friendly lady with very nice garb. **Kaitlyn McKenna** participates in target and combat archery. She can help you make bow strings, bolts, arrows, leather chivalric armor, and general leather working.

Historian: TH Lord Paedric OMullan

[Modern name: Pat Mullins]

The historian keeps track of the old tales of past members, adventures and misadventures of the populace of the Shire of the Shadowlands. He keeps documents, photos and other items of interest so they can be placed on display to illustrate the long and

honorable history of this Shire. Contact at: shadowlandshistorian@yahoo.com or 979-575-7834

TH Lord Pædric OMullan is a late Elizabethan street performer and sometime Shakespearean actor. He has, in the past, been a jester, but now he's unemployed, so he is nobody's fool. He usually wears some combination of red, blue, and/or yellow, the colors of his arms. Pædric is Historian for the Shire of the Shadowlands. His interests include (but are not limited to) Bardic (performance arts), Heraldry, calligraphy and illumination, pewter casting and drumming.

Minster of Arts and Sciences: _____ OPEN _____

The Shire of the Shadowlands does not currently have a Minster of Arts and Sciences; if you need assistance with Arts and Sciences please contact the Seneschal at: shadowlands.seneschal@gmail.com

Exchequer: Lady Isabelot de Forens

[Modern name: Anna Lichorad]

The Exchequer is the local treasurer. The Exchequer keeps the ledger of expenses up-to-date and in agreement with the bank statements, sends reports monthly, quarterly, and yearly to the Regional Exchequer, runs all financial committee meetings (typically after Populace meetings), and maintains an up-to-date inventory list including that which is available for loan. To borrow inventory (usually armor or garb) for an event, contact the Hospitaler and then the Exchequer to sign it out. Contact at: shadowlands.treasurer@gmail.com

Honorable Lady Isabelot de Forens is 13th century French lady from the Burgundy region of France. Her father died with no male heirs but was enlightened and left his lands to his only daughter to manage. She enjoys cooking, managing the household accounts, dance and shooting archery.

WEB Minister: _____ OPEN _____

[Modern name:]

Manages our web presence. Contact at: vs.shadowlands@gmail.com

Chronicler: Anna Maleine

[Modern name: Ann Seeton]

Produces a newsletter each month to be handed out at the Populous meetings. Everyone is welcome to contribute to make our newsletter wonderful. Contact at: shadowlandschronicler@yahoo.com

Anna Maleine is late 10th century Byzantine; the daughter of a powerful Cappadocian family. She is living and studying in Constantinople during a time of peace and culture under the powerful Emperor Basil II (976-1025).

TAMU Advisor: Rhodri ap Gwythyr

[Modern name: Paul Foster]

The TAMU advisor is a member of the staff at TX A&M and makes possible the existence of this group on campus. Without this person, the local student body might never know the fun that can be had through the SCA.

Contact at: sir.rhodri@gmail.com

Sir Rhodri ap Gwythyr is an old Welsh Knight who has been in the SCA many years, done many brave deeds, and is a reliable source of answers if you are interested in Chivalry!

TAMU Student President: Anastasia

[Modern name:]

The TAMU SCA President is in charge of getting rooms for the SCA to use on campus. The President is a contact person for students and the other student officers. This is an important position and looks good on a resume! Contact at:

Anastasia is a fine upstanding young women of the middle ages with a spirit of service to her fellows. Please welcome her as our TAMU Student President.

Thanks and Credits

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Shadow Notes

Be a Social Shire

Runs With Scissors/Plays With Fire was a rip roaring success!

The decorations were marvelous. The new banners looked great and the older decorations, especially the stained glass over the windows added greatly to the ambiance.

Autocrats Mistress Nina of the Lost Caverns and Lady Morina O'Donovan were marvelous in their execution of the event!

The classes were well attended, the teachers of those classes were top flight. Many thanks to TH Lady Magdalena von Hallenberg and Lady Morina O'Donovan!

WINNERS!!

Seige Cooking Competition was won by the team of Willoc, MacMuireDaig, Antonello del Bello!

Antonello won the Bransle Off!

Kaitly and Catan took the insignia braiding award, and the bobbins were quite the award!

Catan won the speed weaving competition with 55 inches woven in two hours and that included warping the loom!

Eisteddfod

Alden Drake is the new Ansteorran Bardic Champion!

MORE!

Paedric OMullen was awarded the Star of Merit! A much deserved honor—huzzah!

Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna was honored with an King's Archer award!—huzzah!

AWARDS

Let it be known that unless someone recommends another person for an award, the crown is unlikely to know that a wonderful helpful person has gone unrecognized.

Think about those persons whose actions make the SCA special for you. List them in the WordFame section.

We are a volunteer driven activity and these persons who work to make things happen, from the volunteer at gate or the BOB Squad, to the monthly efforts of project night, leatherworking, Rapier, Chivalric or Archery, all of these volunteers are important.

Together we make the SCA what is for all of us.

Plan to Participate

GREETINGS TO OUR NEW SENESCHAL!

It is official, Theophanies of the Shadowlands is our new Seneschal. Please welcome him and thank him for rising to the call to lead the Shire of the Shadowlands.

OPEN POSITIONS

Web Minister
Hospitaler
Knight Marshal

Remember, the SCA is a volunteer run organization. Together, each doing one part, we can build something truly wonderful. Participation is the key and everyone can find a tiny role to play. Those who can do more, please consider taking on one of the major roles above.

GULF WARS

Next big Shire Goes To is GULF WARS. Now is the time to begin preparations and the gathering of garb and equipment. Sign up early and be sure to mark down that you will be camping with Tir Medoin so we can be where we were last year.

**Sign up at ACCEPS
Camping with Tir Medoin**

**Make plans for meals
Come to Gulf Wars Preparation get togethers
Collect Garb for the full week
Check that you have the gear you need for camping
Make sure you have a ride**

Speak up on list and on facebook if you need help with your preparations.

Be sure to attend the February Populace to find out who is planning work days for getting ready.

WAR!

**Another round of activities is coming.
Be a social shire. Plan to participate!**

WORDFAME

HERE WE HAVE A NEW PLACE IN WHICH TO RECORD THE COMMON CIVALRY OF OUR SHIRE. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND IN THE NAMES OF PEOPLE YOU WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND A SPECIFIC EXAMPLE OF WHAT THEY DID. –CHRONICLER

Demere reserved a room in Zachary for our next three Populace Meetings! Huzzah!

Nina of the Lost Caverns. Your dedication to the social life and projects of this shire is exemplary. Huzzah!! Thank you for your monthly hosting of the Project and Movie Night. I've gotten a lot of work done while enjoying good company in a relaxing setting thanks to your hospitality.

MANY names there are to be honored for their work to make the Runs with Scissors/Plays with Fire event a success:

Greetings to Shadowlands,

Mistress Nina of the Lost Caverns and Lady Morina O'Donovan the autocrats for Runs with Scissor/Plays with Fire want to thank all those who helped make this event a reality. This includes, but is not limited to:

Department Heads:

Fibers Arts Classes & Workshops - TH Lady Magdalena von Hallenberg,
Fire Classes & Workshops, Safety - Lady Morina O'Donovan,
Siege Cooking Competition - Lady Morina O'Donovan & TH Lady Isabelot,
Chivalric War Practice - Duke Ulsted the Unsteady,
Rapier War Practice - Don Mateo Montero de Madrid,
Potluck Coordinator - Lady Isolde de Waeyer,
Ball Coordinator - Mistress Perronnelle Charrette de La Tour du Pin,
Event Tokens - Lord Paedric O'Mullan,
Eisteddfod Liaison - Lord Paedric O'Mullan,
Prize Scrolls - Lord Paedric O'Mullan,
Hospitaler - Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna,
Head of Gate - TH Lady Isabelot de Forens,
Gate Book - M'lady Sofie, BoB
Coordinator - M'lady Dani & Theophanes of the Shadowlands (Bryan)

Beasts of Burden (BoBs): Theophanes of the Shadowlands (Bryan), Patrick Glass, Aaron Clark

Advanced Site Clean-up - Lady Mungentuya (Mungie), Kaity Reaves

Advanced Hall Set-up: Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna, HL Isabelot de Forens, Lady Mungentuya (Mungie), Lord Josef Gustavson, Lady Dianna Blakely, Lord Staltus of Shadowlands, Theophanes of the Shadowlands (Bryan), Patrick Glass, Kaity Reaves

Gate Staff: Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna, Baroness Ekaterina (Katya), HL Paedric O'Mullan, Lady Isolde die Waeyer, Lord Orin Ketilsson, Lady Sarra Ashton of York, Anna Maleine, Elizabeth (Lizzie)

Scissor Instructors: Lady Luciana Jellyfish, HL Delphina de Champeaux, Baroness Narkissa Ekaterina Vladimirovna (Katya), HL Magdalena von Hallenberg, Lady Elen verch Phellip, Lady Catan ingen Michil, Mistress Rhiannon verch Bryan, Lady Henssesy O'Donague, Lady Margueite Du Bois, Hrefna Godja, Helena von Braunschweyg

Fire Instructors, HL Krag von Berghen, Lord Fergal the Smythe, Duchess Ebergardis Von Zell, Kim Parsons, HL Willoc macMuiredaig, HL Haraldr Bassi, Lady Madelena de Orozco

Site Clean-up: Mistress Perronnelle Charrette, Master Francois la Flamme, Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna, Lady Catan ingen Michil, HL Ronald fitz Robert, HL Paedric O'Mullan, HL Isabelot de Forens, Lady Diana from Bjornsborg, Lady Solange Sarrazin, Lord Josef Gustavson, Lady Dianna Blakely, Lord Staltus of Shadowlands, Alex of Shadowlands, Sophie (Trisha), Theophanes of the Shadowlands (Bryan), Patrick Glass, Aaron Clark

THANK YOU ALL!

OFFICER'S REPORTS

From the Senechal

Howdy,

I would like to add a note that both the WebMinister and Hospitaler positions are open and accepting applications, deadline will be March populace.

Thanks,
--Theophanes

From the Historian

In January of that same year, the Shadowlands hosted Runs With Scissors/Plays With Fire, with Eisteddfod.

It was there that Honorable Lord Paedric OMullan became a Companion to the Order of the Star of Merit, Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna receive the Award of the King's Archer, and HL Brian O'hUlliam of Loch Sollier joined the Order of the Iris of Merit. Master Alden Drake won the Eisteddfod and became Ansteorra's Premiere Bard.

Several people joined the Order of the Shire of the Shadowlands, sometimes called the Order of the Shadow, and they were Theophanes of the Shadowlands, Josef Gustavson, Sophie of the Shadowlands, Francois la Flamme, Perronnelle Charrette, Demere of the Oaken Staff, and Maggie Hallenburg.

Also that day were held several competitions. Lady Catan ingen Michil won the weaving race, Lady Catan and Mistress Kaitlyn won the Viking whipcord braiding race, and the Iron Chef siege cooking competition was won by the team called the Fire Dyers, which consisted of Willoc MacMuiredaig, Jannette Makepays, and Antonello del Bello. Antonello del Bello also won the Bransle-Off, and it was his third time to win that dance competition, equaling all others combined.

In that same month did Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna step down as Seneschal, and then Theophanes of the Shadowlands was the Seneschal.

In Service,
Lord Pædric OMullan

From the Chronicler

Greetings Good Gentles,

This newsletter, like most of the best fun in the SCA is a collaborative effort. The Shadow Knows needs YOU!! If you draw or photograph, write lyric, poem, or prose, then your contributions to our Shire newsletter will be most welcome.

Gulf Wars is soon to be upon us and if someone would be so good as to make an effort to write up their experience for the April The Shadow Knows this Chronicler would be most grateful.

In Service,
Anna Maleine

WANTED: small jpg files of each Shadowlander's arms or device, preferably sized 1 x 1.5 inches. Thank you!

This Month In the Middle Ages-February

February 1

0523 Death of St. Bridgid
0772 Election of Adrian I as Pope
1327 Coronation of Edward III as King of England
1328 Death of Charles IV, "the Fair," King of France

February 2

0962 Coronation of Otto I, King of the Lombards, as Holy Roman Emperor
1014 Death of Sweyn, King of Denmark
1032 Conrad II, Holy Roman Emperor, claims the throne of Burgundy
1160 Fredrick Barbarossa, Holy Roman Emperor, takes Crema, Italy, in a siege noted for atrocities
1208 Birth of James I, "the Conqueror," King of Aragon
1258 Hulagu Khan takes Baghdad
1387 Marguerithe I, Queen of Denmark, named Queen of Norway
1389 Last date for English Guilds to send particulars of their organization to the Royal Council

February 3

0316 Martyrdom of St. Blaise
0590 Election of Pope Gregory I, "the Great"
0619 Death of St. Laurence of Canterbury
1116 Death of Koloman, King of Hungary
1238 Mongols take Vladimir, Russia
1376 Massacre of the city of Cesena, Italy by Sir John Hawkwood

February 6

0337 Election of Pope Julius I
0679 Death of St. Amand of Maastricht

February 7

0457 Leo proclaimed Eastern Roman Emperor
1313 Robert, "the Bruce," captures Dumfries, Scotland

February 9

0444 Death of St. Cyril of Alexandria
0720 Death of Umar II
1088 Death of Muiredach MacRory (Marianus Scotus), Abbot of Ratisbon
1098 Ridwan fails to relieve the Crusader's Siege of Antioch
1119 Coronation of Pope Calixtus II in France
1292 First Scottish Parliament assembles at Scone

February 10

0543 Death of St. Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict. 1221 Death of Muhammad Ala-ed-Din, Shah of Khwarizm
1306 Murder of the Red Comyn
1354 "The Great Slaughter," A riot, in Oxford, England
1480 The Emperor Go-Tsuchimikado occupies his Palace in Kyoto

February 12

0881 Coronation of Charles III "the Fat," last Emperor of the Franks
1111 Henry V, uncrowned Holy Roman Emperor, kidnaps the Pope
1242 Death of Henry VII, King of Germany
1294 Death of Kublai Khan

February 14

0270 Martyrdom of Valentine
0433 Death of St. Maro
0842 Oaths of Strasbourg
1009 Massacre of St. Bruno of Querfurt and his party, by Lithuanians
1014 Coronation of Henry II, "the Saint" as Holy Roman Emperor
1021 Murder (?) of Caliph al-Hakim of Egypt
1130 Election of Innocent II as Pope
1400 Murder of Richard II, King of England

February 15

0494 Last Lupercalia in Rome
1145 Death of Pope Lucius II
1145 Election of Pope Eugenius III

1152 Death of Conrad III, King of Germany
1288 Election of Pope Nicholas IV
1368 Birth of Sigmund, King of Hungary and Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor
1386 Coronation of Wladislas II as King of Poland

February 16

0309 Martyrdom of St. Elias
0309 Death of St. Pamphilus
1001 Roman barons put the Pope and Holy Roman Emperor to flight
1220 Bokhara falls to the Mongols
1397 The Sieur de Coucy prepares his Will

February 19

0439 Death of St. Mesrop
0607 Election of Pope Boniface III
1377 Wycliffe called to trial before the Bishop of London

February 20

0342 Death of St. Shahdost of Persia
1258 Execution of the Caliph al-Musta'sim of Bagdad, by Hulagu Khan

February 21

1198 Pope Innocent III ordained as a priest

February 22

0606 Death of Pope Sabinian
1071 CASSEL; Death of William fitzOsbern
1072 Death of St. Pietro Damiani
1276 Coronation of Pope Innocent V
1297 Death of St. Margaret of Cortona

February 24

0259 Martyrdom of Sts. Montanus and Lucius
0303 Publication of the first Roman edict for the persecution of Christians
1303 ROSLIN (English invasion of Scotland halted)
1389 Capture of Albert of Mecklenberg, King of Sweden

February 26

0364 Valentinian becomes Emperor of Rome at Nicaea
0493 Surrender of the Roman Army at Ravenna to the Ostrogoths
1154 Death of Roger II, King of Sicily
1266 BENEVENTO
1266 Death of Manfred, King of Sicily
1361 Birth of King Wenceslaus of Germany

February 27

0288 Birth of Constantine
0425 Theodosius II, Emperor of Byzantium, founds a University

February 28

0591 Gregory I becomes Pope
0922 Death of St. Oswald of Worcester
1258 Tatars burn Baghdad

February 10 543AD: St. Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict, dies in the convent she founded. It is said that at the moment of her death her brother saw her soul rise to heaven and so he was not surprised when the messenger came to inform him.

To enjoy more about the history of Sts. Scholastica and Benedict, seek ye the volume by Louis de Wohl titled CITADEL OF GOD. This is historical fiction and does a fine job of bringing to life the story of the famous St. Benedict and portrays the close relationship between the siblings and their way of urging each other to greater efforts in their pursuit of a religious vocation.

There are other books on these two persons from history, but the above recommendation is a pleasure to read.

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Useful Websites

<http://welcome.sca.org/> -The SCA Newcomer's Portal is a great place to begin to explore the SCA!

<http://sca.org/> - SCA Inc. web page: the place to go to join the Society, the place to find publications put out by the society, the place to go to find your kingdom.

<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 for discussion, announcements, & activity planning

<http://lists.ansteorra.org/listinfo.cgi> Ansteorra listserves for various interests

The Shadowlands has a closed group on Facebook. Just register as a Facebook user, type in Shadowlands, and ask to join.

Newcomers Information: <http://hospitaler.ansteorra.org/newcomer.htm>

Gulf Wars: <http://www.gulfwars.org/>

Special Announcement from the Society

The Society would like to announce the launch of our new Online Newcomer's Portal! This interactive, media-rich website will provide an engaging new way for those discovering our organization to learn more about us, get excited about what we do, and get in touch with local branches.

[<http://welcome.sca.org/>]

A big thank you to all our writers, photographers, and artists for their contributions to this new site! If you have any questions or feedback for the new site, please contact the project director Lord Tobias Morgan at [mailto:socialmedia.tobias@gmail.com] socialmedia.tobias@gmail.com.

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