

# ARDANRUNES

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## Calendar of Events

January 20	Winter Crown List in Dragoun's Weal
January 27	Newbie Collegium (1-day) in Lagerdamm
January 27	Jägerfest (1-day) in Tor an Riogh
February 3	Candlemas Collegium (1-day) in Grey Niche
February 10	Winter Wonders XXI (Ardanroe's Event)
February 10	Pirates of the Mediterranean/Seleone Baronial Investiture
February 24	Kingdom Fighter Collegium & War Practice in Iron Ox
March 11-18	Gulf Wars XVI

## ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: THL Sarah MacGregor  
Knight Marshal: THL Maximilian von Braun  
Herald: Lord James en les Breres  
Exchequer: Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid  
Minister of Arts & Sciences: Lord James en les Breres  
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada  
Chirurgion: VACANT

Minister of Children: VACANT  
Web Minister: Lord Vachir Altan  
Provost of RUGA: Amata Quentin Motzhart  
Quartermaster: THL Sarah MacGregor  
Chatelaine: Lady Branwen Ballard  
Historian: Lady Ceara ynseyder kiaull  
Constable: Lady Dana the Quarrier

OFFICES SEEKING TO BE FILLED - Chirurgion, Minister of Children (both vacant). Deputies sought for most!

## HARKEN YE!

Below is a tentative schedule of Shire activities for the month of January:

January 10 – Populace Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library  
January 14 – Fighter Practice – 11:00 a.m. – Mike Woods Park  
January 24 – A&S Workshop on Winter Wonders Stuff – 6:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library  
January 28 – Fighter Practice – 11:00 a.m. – Mike Woods Park

**NOTE:** Fighter practice is now the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month starting at 11:00 a.m. at Mike Woods Park

**Correction:** Beatrix's name was misspelled in the write up about Fighter's Collegium in the December issue. It should have been spelled Lady Beatrix de Montecassino. See the article about Montecassino in this issue!



# Winter Wonders 2007

## LETTER FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings, Ardanroe!

First of all, thanks to Baroness Medb for hosting a wonderful Yule party in December. A great time was had by all, and if you missed it, you truly missed some fun. Thanks also to everyone who brought dishes for the potluck and who played the Dirty Santa game!

Now that Christmas is behind us and the New Year races towards us, it's time to consider 2007. We have Winter Wonders in February and our summer 1-day in August, as well as a full calendar of practices, workshops, and other activities to plan. That being said- I hope you all greatly enjoyed the world's shortest business meeting in December- because January's meeting won't be that short. It isn't necessary to get the entire year plotted, but it would be great if we can get an idea of what we want to accomplish as a group in 2007. Thus, I am asking for each officer to please make a serious effort to attend this meeting, and to bring with them their office plan for the year. This is also the time to let us know if you have anything special you want to do this year in your office or as a side project for the shire. Due to the nature of meetings of this sort to run long, we will begin the planning session at 6:00 on the 10th at the Library, and if there is any other business to conduct, we will do it following the planning session.

Everyone have a safe and happy New Year's celebration, and stay warm!

In Service to Ardanroe,

THL Sarah  
Seneschal

## WHERE IS MY HERALDRY SUBMISSION?

2006 was a great year for Shire members in submitting names and armory for registration by the SCA College of Arms. I think that everything that Shire members submitted passed Kingdom and was included in one of the many Letters of Intent composed by the Ruby Herald of Gleann Abhann.

Once a Letter of Intent (LoI) is sent out, the names and armory on it are usually decided upon by the Laurel Sovereign of Arms, Pelican Sovereign of Arms, and Wreath Sovereign of Arms at their respective meetings four months from the date of the LoI. So the submissions in a LoI dated December 14, 2006 would be decided in April 2007. The decisions made by the Sovereigns of Arms are published in the Letter of Acceptance and Return (LoAR). The LoAR goes through a proofreading process so may not come out until one or two months (or longer) after the meeting at which the decisions were made.

Below is a table showing the submissions made by Shire members in 2006, the date of the LoI composed by the Ruby Herald that the submissions are in, and the month at which the Sovereigns of Arms would make a decision on the submissions. I cannot tell you how quickly you will learn what were decided, but at least everyone will know when a decision should have occurred.

<b>Heraldry Submission</b>	<b>Date of LoI (Ruby)</b>	<b>Month of Laurel Decision (LoAR)</b>
Vachir Altan – Device	January 15, 2006	May 2006 – Returned
Amata Quentin Motzhart - Badge	June 12, 2006	October 2006
Christiana Breakspear – Name	June 12, 2006	October 2006
Michael atte Harp – Name	June 12, 2006	October 2006
Michael atte Harp – Device	June 12, 2006	October 2006
Paul the Small – Name	June 12, 2006	October 2006
Paul the Small – Device	June 12, 2006	October 2006
Sarah MacGregor – Device	June 12, 2006	October 2006
James in le Breres – Name	July 26, 2006	November 2006
Ceara ynseyder kiaull – Name	August 22, 2006	December 2006
Bella Talia Derro – Name	October 16, 2006	February 2007
Brúnn Anderson – Name	October 16, 2006	February 2007
Ketterlin Johanneß von Breßla – Name	October 16, 2006	February 2007
Pia Derro – Name	October 16, 2006	February 2007
Lorccán na Túaithe – Name	December 14, 2006	April 2007

Barun Rory  
(Internal Commenter [one of many] for the Ruby Herald)

## A LOOK AT THE PAST

The Shire of Ardanroe has a long history, being over twenty years old. This will be a periodic column featuring an office of the Shire denoting the dates it was active and names of those who served in the office. This month we look at the office of the Herald.

### Herald

7/1980 – 2/1982	Diarmuid MacSeumas O’Siodhachain
3/1982 – 9/1982	Ewaine Boreall
9/1982 – 6/1983	Diarmuid MacSeumas
7/1983 – 9/1983	Rhys Thaddeus Brownjohn
10/1983 – 1/1987	Danica of Harveston Vale
2/1987 – 4/1987	John of Guiles
5/1987 – 7/1987	Danica of Harveston Vale
8/1987 – 11/1988	Alleyne Blackburn

Vacant	
3/1989 – 8/1989	Cathair na h-Eich
9/1989	Stephen Wolfe
10/1989 – 12/1989	Serrak
1/1990 – 7/1990	Sergio Dello Scudo Bianco
Vacant	
1/1991 – 8/1991	Joseph Talon du Lac
Vacant	
1/1992 – 7/2001	Rory ua Riada
7/2001 – 4/2003	Olaf Lutherson of Oland
4/2003 – 7/2003	Bathewulf von Drakenburg
In Transition	
10/2003 – 7/2004	Richard Stewart of Saint Andrews
8/2004 – 6/2005	Vachir Altan
6/2005 – 4/2006	Sarah MacGregor
4/2006 – 8/2006	Rovena of Bri Leith
9/2006 – Present	James en les Breres

Nineteen people have held the office of Herald of the Shire over its twenty-five plus years history, but only four have served longer than one year as Herald. At the beginning a lot of the local members were in school. As they graduated or transferred to other colleges, vacancies occurred. One person even moved to Hawaii! Most of the time someone was willing (and sometimes was currently being trained as the replacement) to take on the office, but occasionally the Seneschal had to file reports until a new member joined or old member moved to the Shire and volunteered or was coerced through much begging and pleading to become the next local herald. Diarmuid was the first herald of record for the Shire and sought a lot of advice from Oreta Heineman, Beacon Principal Herald from 1980 – 1982, and Lachlan Sinclair Dumas, Beacon Principal Herald from 1982 – 1984. Pennon Heralds who may have assisted with the registration of the Shire's name and device between 1980 and 1982 were Domenica Farnese and Brigit Olesdottir of Loch Ree. Both Diarmuid and Danica held the local office twice, Diarmuid for a cumulated duration of two and half years and Danica for almost four years. Olaf, the last person to hold the office longer than one year, held the office for almost two years. The longest the office of Shire Herald has been held by one person at one time is almost ten years. Rory held the office for 115 months.

Several of the Shire's Heralds have served in heraldic offices to the Kingdom of Meridies and Kingdom of Gleann Abhann. Danica was the first Western Reporting Deputy Herald for the Kingdom of Meridies. She received the monthly reports from every local herald in the west side of Meridies. She held this office from May 1987 to June 1988. Rory was the last Western Reporting Deputy Herald for the Kingdom of Meridies, holding the office from April 1993 to January 1995 when the Region of Gleann Abhann was formed. The West Region Herald, titled Obsidian Herald in January 1995, was first held by Mistress Sionyn. The West Region Herald was the Head Herald of the Region. The title of this office changed from Obsidian to Diamond Herald in January 1998. Rory served as the first Ruby Herald (Submissions) for the Region of Gleann Abhann from January 1995 to June 1996, the Lambent Herald (Commenting on Letters of Intent) for the Kingdom of Meridies from September 1993 to December 1995, and Pennon Herald (Submissions) for the Kingdom of Meridies from May 1996 to May 1998. Richard Stewart of Saint Andrews is the only member of Ardanroe to serve as a Principality Herald for Gleann Abhann, serving as the Obsidian Herald, now in charge of the court heraldry and the Order of Precedence not local monthly reports, from December 2003 to November 2004. Richard was the first Fire Opal Herald of the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann, created when the duties of the Obsidian Herald were divided into two jobs. As Fire Opal, Richard was in charge of court heraldry, from November 2005 to October 2006. Sarah MacGregor is the second member of Ardanroe to serve as the Obsidian Herald, though she is the first Obsidian Herald for the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann, assuming the office in November 2005. As the Obsidian Herald she is in charge of maintaining the Order of Precedence.

## LETTER FROM THE HISTORIAN

Greetings, Ardanroë!

Greetings unto the Populace of Ardanroë! It is I, Ceara, your local historian writing. For some time now, our Chronicler, Master Rory, has been asking for letters from each office in the shire. Being that our history does not change that often, I have come up with an idea. In next month's newsletter, I will present a persona questionnaire. The questions will hopefully help each of us to think about our persona and their lives. I ask that each of you try and answer the questions and send them back to me. I will then publish one a month as a kind of "getting to know you" thing. So, be looking for the questions, and start thinking!

In service,  
Lady Ceara ynseyder kiaull



### A BRIEF HISTORY OF MONTECASSINO

I am happy to present a brief history of Montecassino, the town and abbey, from which Lady Beatrix de Montecassino's persona originates. The information comes from the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and the website for the *Abbey of Montecassino*. As you consider a persona to create within the enormous time span covered by the Society for Creative Anachronism, think about not only the culture or country you want to come from but also the town where you originated or which was a focal point for your persona history.

Casinum was a town of the ancient Volsci people located along the Rapido River at the foot of Monte Cassino some 87 miles southeast of Rome. The Romans took control of the town in 312 BC. Monte Cassino Monastery was founded by Saint Benedict in 529 on the remnants of a Roman fortification of the *municipium Casinum*. The temple of Apollo still being used by the locals became the oratory of the abbey dedicated to Saint Martin Bishop of Tours. Casinum, Latin for Cassino, was one of many surrounding municipalities which fell under the pastoral jurisdiction of the Abbot of Monte Cassino. The Monte Cassino Monastery became known as the site of the founding of the Benedictine Order, where Saint Benedict completed writing his *Regula monachorum*. Saint Benedict died in the Saint Martin oratory around the age of 70, the date traditionally established as March 21, 547. Both he and his sister, Scolastica, rest beneath the high altar located elsewhere in the monastery.

Around 577 the monastery was destroyed by the Longobards of Zotone, Duke of Beneventum, but early in the eighth century the Brescian Petronace was commissioned by Pope Gregory II to rebuild it. Charlemagne visited the abbey in 787. In 866 the townspeople of Casinum abandoned the original site for the town's present location. The new town was originally known as Eulogomenopolis, later San Germano, and since 1871 Cassino. The town was strengthened against invaders by the building of the Rocca Ianula, a fortress in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. It was at this fortress

that Pope Innocent II in 1139 was captured by Roger II of Sicily and Pope Gregory IX in 1230 made peace with the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II. Rocca Ianula was sacked by the French troops in 1799.

The monastery also suffered greatly. In 884 the Saracens sacked the monastery followed by the Normans in 1030. Abbot Desiderius, who later became Pope Victor III, was perhaps the most noted abbot at the monastery in the 11<sup>th</sup> century who worked to rebuild it, bringing in artists from Constantinople. In 1349 an earthquake destroyed much of the monastery and it was almost entirely rebuilt in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.

In 1944 during War World II the town of Cassino was a key point in the German winter defensive line. Believing the monastery to be occupied by the Germans, the Allied forces bombed it on February 15, 1944. A month later the town of Cassino was leveled with 1400 tons of bombs dropped from Allied aircraft. In mid-May the Allied forces were able to break the German lines and take Rome after being joined by forces from the Anzio beachhead. Both the town and monastery were rebuilt, the town using a completely new layout. Of ancient Casinum the only monuments of note are the amphitheatre, the theatre, and the ruins of the Cappella del Crocifisso, a Roman mausoleum converted into a church in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Of the medieval town only the site of the upper town, clustered around the ruins of Rocca Ianula can be discerned. A set of bronze doors cast in Constantinople in 1066 for Abbot Desiderius are one of the few items to survive the second World War from the monastery in addition to its archives, library, and some paintings.

- Rory

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**LET'S DANCE!**

This month's dance is: Amorosio

If you missed the ball at Christmas Revel you missed the dance of the year! Amorosio is a 15<sup>th</sup> century Italian balli. Guglielmo Ebreo da Pesaro (also called Giovanni Ambrosio) was one of two major dance choreographers of the time. It is his Amorosio which was spectacularly performed at the ball. Certain items are common in the balli, repetitive structure being most notable. In couples dances usually the lady repeats the steps performed by the lord. Ornamentation and improvisation were considered important to the dances but are not well described. The steps for the Amorosio given below are from the articles by Mistress Rosina del Bosco Chiaro "Fifteenth Century Italian Balli" and Messer Giuseppe Francesco da Borgia "Basic 15c. Italian Renaissance Balli" in *A Known World Dance Compendium* compiled by THL William Redcape of Iron Mountain, A.S. XXXI. Master William Redcape has a different set of steps for the Amorosio in his Gulf Wars 9 Dance Cheat Sheet. Those steps are also given later. Thus be aware that the dance may be different from what was seen at Christmas Revel. But these are the best sources I have for locating instructions for this amazing dance.

The Amorosio is a two person dance. As viewed at Christmas Revel this had several couples in the room each dancing as individual couples but as a group visually balanced and individually stunning. The basic steps given by Messer Giuseppe as what Giovanni Ambrosio wrote are:

8 tempi piva  
2 sempii 1 doppio 3 sempii; (repeated by the partner)  
4 tempi piva (repeated by the partner)  
2 sempii 1 doppio 2 sempii 1 doppio Reverenza 4 tempi piva (the original repeats the last part)

We know that a Reverenza is a reverence, the bow or curtsy to one's partner. A sempii is the plural for sempio, a single. Move one foot forward and bring the other up to meet it in and close. A doppio is a double. The technically fancy way to do it is as follows: Step 1 & 2 is done on the balls of the feet. Step 3 brings you back down. Step 4 is a kick. These are similar but different from the singles and doubles we have done in the dances previously covered in this column.

A piva is a fast doppio. It is a fast set of 3-4 kicks. I believe that tempi is plural for tempo. There were four dance tempos used in the ballo, sometimes all in the same dance. These were bassadanza (usually notated as being in 6/4 in modern arrangements), quadernaria (4/4), saltarello (6/8), and piva (2/4 or 6/8). So if I understand the instructions and steps, the Amorosa starts with the couple doing eight very fast doubles. Then the lord does two singles, a double, and three singles. The lady then does two singles, a double, and three singles. The lord does four very fast doubles. The lady does four very fast doubles. Then the lord does two singles, a double, two singles, a double, reverences to the lady, and then four very fast doubles. The lady repeats this doing two singles, a double, two singles, a double, reverences to the lord, and then four very fast doubles. The couple is now back together and the dance starts all over again with the eight piva.

Master William's listing of the steps are:

8 piva forward. Lord ssdsss, Lady ssdsss, Lord 3 pive, s, Lady 3 pive, s. Lord ssdsss, meza volta, 3 pive, s. Lady ssdsss, meza volta, 3 pive, s. Dance repeats with Lady doing solo parts first.

A meza volta is a partial turn that is usually 180 degrees. So if you have danced away from your partner, you are turning to face your partner when you do a meza volta in the Amoroso.

This version is very similar to the first. The difference is really a reverence versus a meza volta.

The couple together does eight very fast doubles (8 piva or 8 tempi piva). The lord does two singles, a double, and three singles. The lady does two singles, a double, and three singles. The lord does two singles, a double, and three singles and turns to face the lady and does three very fast doubles (3 pive) and ends with a single. The lady does two singles, a double, three singles, and turns to face the lord and does three very fast doubles (3 pive) and ends with a single. The couple is now back together and the dance starts all over again. This time the lady does the solo parts first.

Ornamentation and improvisation is what made this dance so stunning. It can be very courting or seductive. And note that the garb worn by those at the Christmas Revel ball varied based on persona. A Middle Eastern lord and lady as depicted by Lord Khalil and Mistress Isolde were just as elegant (and more so since dance is her area of expertise) as an Italian or English lord and lady depicted by Lord Kenneth and his dance partner.

We should all learn this dance for future balls.

Enjoy! -Rory

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**The Amoroso danced by Mistress Isolde, Lord Khalil, Lord Kenneth, and others during the ball at Christmas Revel.**

## CARRIAGE CHATTER

### Christmas Revel, December 8-10

The last event of the calendar year was the Barony of Axemoor's traditional annual event, Christmas Revel. Held at the Woodsman of the World Camp in Forest Hill, Louisiana due to the unfortunate closure of K.C. Camp Abbey, over 200 gentlefolk attended this cold weather holiday festive event. The Marines came to collect the Toys for Tots toys and funds donated by fighters and non-fighters. The Ladies of the Bow and Blade held an amusing holiday goodies raffle (some people won numerous prizes). The King and Queen and Baron and Baroness held court and recognized numerous people – THL Byron de Lancy numerous times. THL Sarah served as court herald for Their Majesties. Hugh and Lord Johannes competed in the Toys for Tots/William Marshal Tournament in the afternoon, each winning at least one prize from the prize table. King Padruig won the Toys for Tots portion of the tournament. Hugh also competed in the Newbie Tourney that morning. THL Sarah was a herald for the Newbie and Youth Tourneys which were held at the same time alternating fights on the field. Lord Michael and Lady Ceara were back from their honeymoon. Lady Branwen was cheering on her husband at the list field. Besides the tournaments, including a rapier and an archery tourney, there were classes in the morning and afternoon, and children's activities. Lord James did the table decorations and Baroness Medb oversaw the food for the ball. A lot of the ball's food came from Shire members – rum balls, cookies, fudge, brownies, and other holiday sweets made by Medb, Dana, Rory, and many others. A punch was put in a fountain, which sadly did not 'spout'. Branwen made four gallons of Wassail, which was still hot for those to drink Sunday morning. James also entered the A&S Competition with a gingerbread subtlety of the arms of the Barony, which took first place! It was also a centerpiece on the desert tables. Barun Rory assisted with scrolls for court and happily announced the name of his successor that evening for the Kingdom Exchequer office. He also assisted with the music and dances for the ball after THL Rose took ill. What is a Christmas Revel without Father Christmas? The jolly old elf made an appearance at the Children's Court in the late afternoon held by the Queen and Baroness, and gave out gifts to all of the children.





**Hugh Dulac holds a prize won in the Tourney. James' winning A&S entry – a gingerbread coat of arms!**



**Toys for Tots/William Marshal Tourney watchers from left to right, Mistress Diana, Branwen, Rory, and Ceara. The fabled prize table at the Toys for Tots/William Marshal Tourney!**



## FORTNIGHT

The December Populace Meeting was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> as part of the Yule Party at Medb's house. Nineteen people attended the meeting (Sarah, James, Rory, Medb, Dana, Branwen, Johannes, Olaf, Melisant, Maximilian, Katherine, Lorccán and his wife, and six children). Sarah, as Shire Seneschal, ran the meeting. Gilbert and Sullivan Society will wait until next year (2008) to hold a Madrigal Dinner. This will give them a year's time to plan it out. Maximilian reported that fighter practices will now be on the second and fourth Sunday's of the month starting at eleven o'clock. James had nothing new to report for the A&S office and went over the table of submission status for the Shire folks as Herald. Rory reported the newsletter was on the Shire's website. Branwen is now the Shire Chatelaine. Participation in the Christmas Parade in Benton fell through, but the parade was very small - perhaps next year. Dana had nothing new to report as Constable, nor did Medb as Exchequer. Under old business the Winter Wonders Planning Meeting will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> at Tom's Triple Play and all event business will be handled at that meeting rather than tonight. The calendar of upcoming events was announced for the months of January and February. New members were encouraged to consider attending the Newbie Collegium in Lagerdamm. Sarah and James will both be teaching classes at it.



## SCRIPTORIUM SENDING

Their Royal Majesties need award scrolls. Below is the text to one of the many awards in the new Kingdom.

### Award of Arms

There are several text versions for the Award of Arms when given by the Crown of Gleann Abhann. Each is shown below.

#### Version 1 (Courtesy of Dame Tamlyn of Wyntersea, Kingdom of An Tir)

As many waters flow into the River making it grow stronger on its journey to the sea, so do many hands working together create a strong Kingdom. Thus We, Radu, first King of these Sovereign Lands of Gleann Abhann, and Broinnfinn, Our most gracious Queen, after hearing praise for your efforts do find you, (Recipient's name), worthy of honor for your diligent and faithful service to this Our Land. We therefore bestow upon you an Award of Arms with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of this rank. Further, We charge you to consult Our Heralds to determine suitable and unique Arms.

By Our hand & seal is Our esteem made plain this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, anno societatis \_\_forty\_\_.

Version 1.2

As many waters flow into the River to make it strong and to help it grow on its journey to the sea, so do many hands working together a strong Kingdom create. Thus We, Radu, first King of these Sovereign Lands of Gleann Abhann, and Broinnfinn, Our most gracious Queen, do find you, (Recipient's name), worthy of honor for your diligent and faithful service to this Our Land. Therefore We bestow upon you an Award of Arms with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of this rank. Further, We charge you to consult Our Heralds to determine suitable and unique Arms.

By Our hand & seal is Our esteem made plain this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, anno societatis forty.

Version 2 (Courtesy of Dame Tamlyn of Wyntersea, Kingdom of An Tir)

Proclaim it loudly from every hill and through every valley that We, Radu & Broinnfinn, first Sovereign & Consort of Gleann Abhann, having witnessed the diverse labors of one who has enriched the lands of Our people call forth \_\_\_\_\_ unto Us that We may bestow upon them an Award of Arms with all the rights, privileges & responsibilities pertaining thereto. Further, We charge h(im/er) to seek out Our heralds and consult with them to devise suitable and unique arms to bear before the knowne world. By Our hand is Our esteem made evident by Our seal let it be so this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ anno societatis forty.

**NOTE:** For Versions 1, 1.2, and 2 scribes need to remove the word “first” in front of Sovereign & Consort or King and Queen and leave a blank space to write in the name of the King and Queen who decide to use the scroll in their court.

Version 3 - PROMISSORY

Being the duty and pleasure of the Crown of Gleann Abhann to reward those who have by their service and industry benefited Our Realm, be it known that [NAME] is hereby Awarded Arms, and is commanded to consult with Our heralds so as to determine a suitable armigerous display. Let all who hear these words speak of know that We are well pleased this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ Anno Societatis \_\_\_\_\_. Done by Our hand and seal

Sovereign      Consort

Version 4 - PERMANENT

Whereas it is the pleasure of the Crown of Gleann Abhann to reward those who have by their service and industry benefited Our Realm, be it known that [NAME] is hereby Awarded Arms, and is given the exclusive right to bear: [BLAZON]. We are well pleased this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ Anno Societatis \_\_\_\_\_. Done by Our hand and seal

Sovereign      Consort