

# ARDANRUNES

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## Calendar of Events

December 4	Christmas Revel – Axemoor
December 11	Baronial College – Elfsea (Ansteorra)
January 8	Newbie Collegium – Lagerdamm
January 8	Steppes 12 <sup>th</sup> Night – Steppes (Ansteorra)
January 15	Winter Wonders XXV – Ardanroe
January 22	Fashion Academy – Axemoor
January 29	Swamp Romp – Troll Fen
January 29	Candlelight Camp – Small Gray Bear (One-Day)
February 5	Turf Wars II – Seleone
February 12	Historical Romance – Blackwood
February 14-21	Estrella War XXVII (Atenveldt)
February 26	GA Fighter Collegium & War Practice – Dragoun’s Weal
March 13-20	Gulf War XX

## ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: The Honorable Lady Avice of York  
Knight Marshal: Lord Skallagrímr Bárðarson  
Herald: Maistir Rory ua Riada  
Exchequer: Lady Joya le Normande  
Minister of Arts & Sciences: The Hon. Lady Melisant of Exmoor  
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada  
Chirurgion: VACANT

Minister of Children: VACANT  
Web Minister: Lorccán na Túaithe  
Provost of RUGA: Lady Amata Quentin Motzhart  
Quartermaster: Mistress Sarah MacGregor  
Chatelaine: Lady Evlaliia Sveneivicha  
Historian: Lady Amelia Balentine  
Constable: Giric I{o,}gmaðr

## HARKEN YE!

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

December 5 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Darkhorse Farms (Sunday)  
December 8 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)  
December 11 – Shire Holiday Party – 5:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr and Evlaliia’s Home (Saturday)  
December 12 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Darkhorse Farms (Sunday)  
December 19 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Darkhorse Farms (Sunday)

**NOTE:** Please see the Shire website and Ardanroe Yahooogroup for updates.



## SAINTS DAY CALENDAR

December 17<sup>th</sup> is the calendar date for Begga. She was one of two daughters of Pepin, the mayor to the palace of three Frankish kings. Her sister, Gertrude, became a nun. Begga married Ansegis, the son of Saint Arnulf of Metz. Their son was Pepin of Heristal, who started the Carolingian dynasty. In 692 Ansegis was killed while hunting. Begga made a pilgrimage to Rome. On her return she founded seven churches to match the seven great churches of Rome. These new churches were built at Andenne on the River Meuse. She set up an abbey there and was joined by nuns from her sister's convent. Saint Begga died the following year at her abbey in 693.

Bentley, James. *A Calendar of Saints: The Lives of the Principal Saints of the Christian Year*. London: Time Warner Books, an imprint of Little, Brown Book Group, 2006.



## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The following Shire offices need Deputies: Web Minister, Provost of RUGA, Quartermaster, and Minister of Arts & Sciences, and Chronicler.

The following Shire offices are Open and Need Filling: Minister of Children and Chirurgeon



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### ARDANROEN BECOMES ATENVELDT KNIGHT

Congratulations to Robert Jimmerson, former member of the Shire of Ardanroe, who moved to the Kingdom of Atenveldt over a decade ago. We are thrilled to report that Robert has been offered Knighthood in the Kingdom of Atenveldt. Robert, under the name of Robert Owen Cynedeere, was Knight Marshall of Ardanroe from July – October 1993. More recently he came to visit at Gleann Abhann's Kingdom Fighter Collegium in October 2006, where the first Garb War was held, sponsored by Queen Mary Grace. Robert, under the name of Kassimir, was the model and recipient of team "I Flew in from Atenveldt and All I Got was this Zupan" composed of Beatrix de Montague (Team Captain), Sara de la Petra, and Nonie Wlfraven. The garment they made was a Zupan, a Polish coat, to be worn over armor for fighting under the hot Atenveldt sun, along with a nice hat, which was not worn for fighting. The garment was chosen to fit the persona and documented through online sources, some in Polish. Their team won Garb Wars. Look to Maximilian and James for tales of the 'early days' when they were the fighting trio. Other local members, like Branwyn, can spin some stories around the fire about him too. Congrats Robert!



## TOWN FAIRE

Halloween was the final fighter practice of the month of October. Due to the day of treats and tricks, attendance was small at Darkhorse Farms the afternoon of October 31<sup>st</sup>. Skallagrímr and Olath (Tyler) practiced with tips from Olaf. Melisant, Evlaliia, and Rory enjoyed the warm sun. Practice ended shortly after four o'clock for all to prepare for the evening's holiday festivities.

Fighter practice was held Sunday, November 7 at Darkhorse Farms starting at two o'clock and ending after four o'clock. Skallagrímr oversaw practice as Local Knight Marshall. Eight people attended with Olath (Tyler), Brandon, Skallagrímr, Symon, and Melisant fighting and Avice, Evlaliia, and Tyler's girlfriend observing.

Fighter practice was held Sunday, November 14 at Darkhorse Farms starting at two o'clock and ending after five o'clock. Skallagrímr oversaw practice as Local Knight Marshall. Fifteen people attended with Johannes, Blaec, Maximilian, Symon, Olath (Tyler), Skallagrímr, Melisant, and Alrekr (visiting from Troll Fen) fighting and Avice, Evlaliia, Branwen, Joya, Jurgis, Rory, and Ann Cochran (Alrekr's sweetie) observing. Rory delivered in the illuminated scrolls to Skallagrímr, which Alrekr will add the text to.

Fighter practice was canceled for November 21 and November 28 due to BAM and Thanksgiving Holidays. The Shire's A&S Night was canceled for November 24 due to Thanksgiving Holidays.



## SHIRE HOLIDAY PARTY

As was discussed at populace, the Shire holiday party will be Saturday Dec. 11th at 5pm at the home of Skallagrim and Jera. Everyone is welcome, including kids. We are located at: 9808 Driftwood Circle, Shreveport, LA 71118

Please feel free to mapquest, google maps or GPS us. When you turn onto our street look for the mailbox with flames. That is our house. If you get lost or have questions please feel free to call: Skallagrim 318-237-9281 Jera 318-840-7787

If you bring kids please bring a gift for the children's gift exchange. The adults will have a separate gift exchange and participation is optional. Please keep the price of all gifts for the exchange below \$20.

Dinner will be a potluck. I will be frying a turkey, and Jera will make cookies. Please let us know what you are bringing to limit repeats.

Skallagrim

**THE ARDANROE HERBARIUM**  
(THL Rovena of Bri Leith, Column Editor)



*CHAMOMILE*

Chamomile or Camomile is a common name for a variety of plants of the Asteraceae family. These include: German or blue chamomile; Roman chamomile; corn or scentless chamomile; stinking chamomile or dog fennel; yellow chamomile or golden marguerite; Moroccan chamomile; Cape chamomile; and wild chamomile or pineapple weed. Only two types are used medicinally: German chamomile and Roman chamomile. In the United States, you will mostly likely encounter German chamomile. The planetary ruler is the Sun.

Chamomile resembles daisies. It loves the sun and has quickly become naturalized wherever it has been taken. It prefers a level amount of moisture. German Chamomile will reseed itself if it is left unharvested. The foliage is a bushy light green with a golden yellow flower head surrounded by white petals.

You are most likely to experience an allergic reaction to chamomile if you are allergic to any member of the daisy family such as ragweed, chrysanthemums, marigolds, and daisies. Most allergies tend to be contact allergies. Such an allergy can be life threatening when you eat the plant. Be careful when mixing use of chamomile with use of other herbs or prescriptions. Its sedative effects can intensify the effects of such drugs as barbiturates, narcotics, antidepressants and alcohol.

There have been too few studies done to determine the factual nature of the claims for medicinal qualities of Chamomile. It can be used to make teas, extracts, capsules, tablets for internal use and it can be used externally as a cream, ointment, or a rinse. The tea is used to aid in sleep and to reduce sinus inflammation as well as a stress reducer. It has been used to treat gastrointestinal conditions (upset stomach, gas, and diarrhea). It has shown promising effect in treating certain skin conditions and mouth ulcers common during cancer treatment. Traditionally it has been used in a poultice for wounds that aren't healing well. Used in a steam bath, it is a treatment for sinus inflammation and head colds. There is research that indicates that it may be useful against staphylococcus and streptococcus.

It is used in bath sachets and steam baths to treat skin conditions. For dyed hair, it is used as a rinse to bring out the blonde highlights. The flowers boiled in water; cool then strain.

Culinary uses include a refreshing tea; additive to beef stock; and to make a beer like beverage.

Other uses for Chamomile include being used in potpourris and as a lawn plant because it doesn't seem to mind being trampled on. Chamomile is the national flower of Russia.

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## FORTNIGHT

The November Shire Populace Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Aulds Branch Library. The meeting was run by Avice, Seneschal, and began shortly after seven o'clock. Nineteen adults and three children attended (Avice, Joya, Jurgis, Amata, Alrekr, Mateo, Bridie and son, Skallagrímr, Evlaliia, Olath, Symon, Ebrahim, Maximilian, Johannes, Branwen and daughters, Melisant, Medb, Dana, and Rory).

### Officer Reports:

Historian – Avice reported for Amelia that she is still looking for more information about Coronation to finish her report.

Chatelaine – Evlaliia reported that Olath has been attending fighter practices and they are working on getting him into armor. Alrekr is here visiting from Troll Fen due to his mundane job.

Chronicler – Rory reported the November issue of the Ardanrunes was online and thanked Melisant for her synopsis of equestrian activities at Coronation and Avice's notes on Havoc.

Herald – Rory reported that Brid's name, Eibhilin's and Skallagrímr's and Evlaliia's device resubmissions were all sent to Ruby in October and are currently under internal commenting in Kingdom. More depictions of beavers (now rampant) were found for Jurgis. A definition of what the Saint Andrews cross was has been found for Symon. Mateo has received copies of his device resubmission form from Ruby and gave copies to Rory for the local Herald files tonight.

Reeve – Joya reported the Shire has ~\$6600 in the bank. Coronation books are closed. The Shire made a profit of \$412.89 after splitting the overall event profit with the Kingdom.

Knight Marshall - Skallagrímr announced that the next fighter practice would be this Sunday at two o'clock at Darkhorse Farm. No fighter practice would be held the third Sunday due to BAM and mundane life. Following discussion the decision was made not to hold fighter practice the fourth Sunday following Thanksgiving.

Minister of Arts and Sciences – Melisant announced that two weeks ago at A&S Night fun was had with cards and spin and the movie about drop spindles. A&S Night is canceled this month and next month due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Her quarterly report is almost done and anyone having things to add that they completed, need to send it to her soon.

RUGA – Amata wants to hear about classes for Winter Wonders. Alrekr offered to teach an advanced calligraphy class at Winter Wonders. He would like the class not to conflict with the TOC Qualifier at the event.

The Web Minister and Constable were not present.

### Old Business:

Skallagrímr reported that Winter Wonders was ready to roll. Amelia would be at next month's populace meeting as her classes would be over for the semester. He distributed sign-in sheets to volunteer to help with feast and bring a dessert for the ball. Several people had brought prizes tonight and more are needed. The Bridesmaid Tourney would be a Friday Night Torchlight Tourney. The Snowball Tourney and TOC Qualifier would be on Saturday. Several volunteer positions were still being lined up (aka need volunteers). Scrolls are in the works based on meeting with Rory at October's A&S Night (illumination design concept made). At least five scrolls would be given out. Alrekr may do the calligraphy of the text while in town. Alrekr and Rory will get together on size of the scrolls.

Dana reported on the Baronial Committee. It is now the Procedures and Policies Committee. Symon is stepping down due to lack of email access and Mateo agreed to step up to the Committee.

Evlaliia is working on new flyers for the Shire.

### New Business:

Evlalii and Branwen reported that Centenary College had evidently found another source for props for their play, "Macbeth", being held this month.

Discussion was held on a Shire Holiday Party. Skallagrímr offered his home as the party location. Saturday, December 11, was chosen as the best date to avoid issues with Winter Wonders in January and to be early enough before the Christmas Holidays. A gift exchange will be held by the adults. A separate gift exchange will be held by

the children. Gifts will be white elephants. Food will be potluck. Starting time, after checking potential work times Saturday, will be five o'clock.

Discussion was held on the Shire participating in one or more of the 2011 Mardi Gras Parades. Rory had sent Parade Participant's Form for the Children's Parade at the Boardwalk, Mardi Gras Tuesday, March 8, 2011. The fee is \$75 for a float and \$25 for a marching group. Maximilian would like the Shire to consider doing a float in the Highland Parade, which would be on Sunday, March 6, 2011. Maximilian volunteered a trailer that could be decorated as a float for people to ride in and throw beads and cups. Skallagrím's company is looking for a way to take part in a parade by providing throws with the company's name and logo. Medb found the 2010 prices for Highland Parade online. Rory will check to see when the 2011 Highland Parade information is available.

Announcements:

Avice went over the Kingdom Calendar. Medb, James and Sarah are planning to attend Fall Crown List this weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at eight o'clock.



## CARRIAGE CHATTER

### **Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire, September 17-19, Barony of Seleone**

(Written by Rory)

At Kingdom A&S TH Lady Bridget O'Fallon ended her term as Secretary for the Herbal Guild, turning the position over to TH Lady Morin inghen Ruairc. Both ladies are from the Shire of Smythkepe.

### **Gleann Abhann Fall Coronation, October 1-3, Shire of Ardanroe**

(Written by Rory)

Despite a fifteen inch deficit of rain leading to a harsh drought with smoldering forest fires in various locations of Lake Bistineau, the lake that was on fire since Labor Day, Fall Coronation was held at the Lake Bistineau State Park the first weekend of October by the Shire of Ardanroe. Baroness Medb and Lord Jurgis were the event stewards. TH Lady Avice was the head cook. TH Lady Dana handled reservations.

The site opened at five o'clock Friday afternoon. Queen Beatrix was one of the first to arrive. The Shire's large pavilion was set up next to the main hall for use as the reception area for TH Lady Gwyneth Carr's vigil. Sledgehammers were needed to pound the stakes into the hard dry ground. Gwyneth was to be elevated to the Order of the Laurel, her elevation announcement having been made at Gleann Abhann 5<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration in August. A smaller tent was set up next to the pavilion for her to sit in vigil Friday evening. The reception tables were prepared by the members of the Barony of the Small Gray Bear, CuCullin and Eithne, Baron and Baroness, having arrived in the late afternoon. Gwyneth and her family arrived after nine o'clock and were led to their cabin, shared with Master Damiano and family.

Inside the main hall several tables along one side were set up for a silent auction to raise funds to assist Magnus Kormacson with his medical expenses from a serious carriage accident earlier that year. The lunch fund raiser Saturday would also be split 50/50 towards Magnus' medical expenses and *The Ambassador*, the Kingdom's newsletter.

TH Lord James manned the gate from Friday night to Saturday morning. Senor Mateo prepared breakfast. Following the populace and Kingdom Officer's breakfast, the last court of King Jon and Queen Beatrix was held outside. The Crown toasted all good health. King Jon then dropped dead and Queen Beatrix was led away to an abbey by the Sisters of Perpetual Motion. Prince Radu and Princess Brionnfinn arrived on horseback to be crowned the eleventh King and Queen of Gleann Abhann. Prior to King Jon's death, Baroness Medb turned over the office of

Kingdom High Sheriff to TH Lord Olaf Lutherson and Gwyneth Carr was elevated to the Order of the Laurel. During King Radu and Queen Brionnfinn's first court Jon and Beatrix received County scrolls and Beatrix became a member of the Order of the Rose.

After court the Order of the Pelican's met. The fund raiser lunch was held in the main hall. The Order of the Queen's Blade sponsored the Ladies of the Rose and Diamond Lunch. In the afternoon an equestrian tournament, snowball tourney (heavy), and rapier championship tourney were held. That evening feast was held inside the main hall. The feast began with a hand washing ceremony with refreshing rosemary mint water. The first course was Italian with dishes dating to the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries as found in Anonimo Toscano. These included dumplings of pork, dish of onions, dish of lentils, and roasted cheese on homemade wheat bread.

The second course was a Spanish/Andalusia set of dishes dating to the 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. These were Albondingas a la Andaluza - Andalusian Style Beef Meatballs 13th C, Sopas de Ajo a la Madrilena – Garlic soup a la Madrilena 15th C, Judias Verdes a la Andaluza – Runner beans a la Andalusia 15th C, and Moji Casserole – 15th C.

The third course was a Middle Eastern set of dishes dating to the 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. These included Sabanikh bi' l-Lahm (Syria) - Spinach with Lamb 11th C, Umm Ali (Egypt) - Ali's Mother 10th C, Khushkananaj (Bagdad) - Flat bread 13th C, and a Dish of White Beans (Bagdad) 10th C.

The final course was in honor of His Royal Majesty Radu. The dishes were of the Mongol Steppe dating to c.1330. These included Meat Cakes of Mutton, Poppy Seed Buns, Yam Noodles, Deboned Chicken Morsels with Onion, and a Special Beverage of Peach Concentrate.

After feast a presentation court and social were held inside the main hall. Desserts for the social were provided by the members of the Shire of Ardanroe. Their Royal Majesties named Sir James the Holy as Queen's Champion, Ryan Dollas as Kingdom Rapier Champion, and Christianna Breakspeare as Kingdom Equestrian Champion. Lord James ens les Breres received the Order of the Jeweled Ring from Her Majesty. A trivia contest was held along with a bells and pillow tourney. In the morning the site closed at ten o'clock.

### **Diamond Wars, October 8-10, Barony of the Small Gray Bear**

Lorccán attended this event.

### **Samhain, October 29-31, Barony of Grey Niche**

(Written by Rory)

Sicilian Vespers was the theme to this year's annual Samhain event hosted by the Barony of Grey Niche the last weekend of October. Lady Amelia van Hemessen and Lady Johnna inghean ui Cinneide were the co-autocrats. Mistress Ceridwen the Empiric (feast) and Mistress Vashti (luncheon) were the feastcrats. The event was held at Camp Currier in Hernando, Mississippi, a tenting only Boy Scout Camp and dry site, opening at six o'clock Friday evening and closing at noon Sunday.

While a few members of Ardanroe did travel to Grey Niche, they spent their time visiting family instead of attending the event (oh, the horror!). Thus did the populace of Ardanroe miss out on Sicily in 1282 under the rule of Charles of Anjou and the Friday night "Torchlight Leave the Sword – Take the Cannoli" tournament, a best on the field Sicilian Challenge--make your opponent an offer he can't refuse contest, Rapier/Dagger Tourney, Ace of Spades Archery Shoot, and multitudes of melees. The populace also missed out on the 'Hey you, Mister Heavy Weapons Fighter – "wanna piece of me"' fighting, a performance of the Dance of Death, performances of John the Bearkiller's famous filks, Bocce, children's activities, and the Cathleen O' Cannon Memorial Bardic Competition.

Sicilian Vespers also included the Baronial investiture of Sir James the Holy and Maistresse Alysia Gabrielle de Fougères as the new Baron and Baroness of Grey Niche. The Grey Niche Baronial Archery Champion Shoot was held with THL Martin Gareth named the new Baronial Archery Champion and Baron Dagan as the new Baronial Warlord. Baron Guillermo Berenguer de Los Almagavars also taught a class on the Almagavars and their role in the Sicilian Vespers and their subsequent demise.

The feast at Sicilian Vespers was exquisite and included multiple Italian dishes. The first remove had Castatiello (Italian Traveller's Bread), Columella Salad (Bread Salad w/herbs), Concicla al a Apicus (The "Oh my Zeus!!!, Meat and More Meat") Stew, Soft Boiled Eggs w/Pine Nut Sauce, and Olives and Funky Period Cucumber Pickles. The second remove had Roasted Boar, Green Beans w/Artichokes and lemons, and Ova Spongia ex Lacte

(Baby Savory Pancakes w/Milk). The third remove had Pullum Frontonianum (Chicken a la Fronto), Spinach & Riccota Gnocchi, and Fresh Melon.

The final remove was served in the banqueting pavilion as the desserts to the revelry of the evening and included Nut tarts, Stuffed Wafres (Cheese filled Cannolis), Dates, Apricots w/sweet grape nectar, and Candied Lemon / Oranges.

### **Gleann Abhann Fall Crown List, November 12-14, Shire of Smythkepe**

(Written by Rory from Alrekr's notes and other recordings)

The twelfth Crown List for the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann was a busy and joyous affair. Mistress Sarah, TH Lord James, and Baroness Medb attended the event, representing the Shire of Ardanroe. Alrekr from Troll Fen joined the Ashikaga caravan. The event was hosted by the Shire of Smythkepe at Camp Cahinnio, a Girl Scout Camp, high in the mountains of Arkansas near the town of Mena in northern Gleann Abhann. The Event Steward was Lady Aesa Gothfagmar, co-Autocrat THL Avaline, Reservationist Lady Ceara inghean Lasair, Feast Steward Lord Cinaed of Eden, and Land Steward Isobel. This was a tenting event with a few primitive cabins on-site.

Fifteen worthy pairs were accepted to compete in the tournament that would determine future Heirs for the Kingdom. These were

Duke Havordh Ættarbani fighting for Mistress Muirgen of the Mists  
Earl Brian MacBrand fighting for Baroness Lorelei de Orlamunde  
Count Uther von Ziemer fighting for Countess Kenna nic Aherne von Ziemer  
Viscount Rey Ribeauumont fighting for Viscountess Miriel du Bois  
Viscount Caillin MacLeod fighting for Viscountess Danielle de la Roche  
Sir Uric Blackoak fighting for Mistress Margo du Bois  
Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto fighting for Baroness Ashikaga Kimiko  
THL Martin von Augsburg fighting for Mistress Gwyneth Carr  
THL John of Widcombe fighting for Baroness Anna Genevieve of Ancyra  
Baron Grimbaldus Bacon, fighting for Baroness Bethany Bacon  
THL Ali Al-Badawi Al-Maghribi fighting for Lady Fatimah al-Naqidah  
Lady Fatimah al-Naqidah fighting for THL Ali Al-Badawi Al-Maghribi  
THL Dante di Pirro fighting for Lady Ceara inghean Lasair  
Lord Lucas von dem Schwartzwald fighting for THL Avaline la Cheviere  
Lord James Cook the Sinistre fighting for Lady Maud dee Bywater

Unfortunately, due to mundane work schedule changes that weekend, THL Ali and Lady Fatimah were unable to attend the event. Thirteen warriors fought in the tournament. Viscount Rey Ribeauumont came in fourth. Earl Brian MacBrand, current Earl Marshall of Gleann Abhann, came in third. The final bout of the tourney was between Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto and Duke Havordh Ættarbani, with His Grace winning the tourney and being proclaimed Prince of Gleann Abhann. Mistress Muirgen of the Mists was proclaimed Princess.

During the event a Canned Food Drive was held, which collected 30 pounds of canned goods and other non-perishable items for the River Valley Regional Food Bank. A drawing for a gift certificate was held as part of the food drive. The winner was Lady Signy of Stavanger.

In court that evening Earl Brian MacBrand received the Banner of Valor and Baron Grimbaldus Bacon the Wreath of Chivalry. Lord Lucas received the Combattant Ram. Mistress Sara MacGregor turned over the office of Diamond Principal Herald to Mistress Brigit Olesdottir of Loch Ree. Countess Beatrix de Montecassino took up the office of Obsidian Herald, which the Diamond Principal Herald had run while she was on the throne. THLord Domnall ua Maille turned over the office of Kingdom Chronicler to THLady Sara de la Petra. And in closing, THLord Geoffrey de Bradelei, known as Dulinn, former Baron of Grey Niche, was proclaimed King's Champion, and invited into the Order of the Chivalry, vigil and ceremony to occur at a future event.

Meals at the event included Traveler's Fare Friday night (Beef and Barley Soup; Chili), Breakfast Saturday morning (Pancake Bar; Meat; Assorted Fruit Composts), Lunch (Taco/Nacho Bar), and Feast that evening. The first remove was Fruit Frommage; Sweet Meats; Samatard, Samit Spread. The second remove was Roast Beast; Legume Compost; Sauces and Jellies; Honey Oat Bread. The third remove was Bacon Date Tapas; Bacon Frommage Pain. The fourth remove was Herbed Loin of Pork; Carrot Pottage; Fried Cabbage; Sauces and Jellies. The fifth and last remove was a Pastries Table.



## LESSONS IN HERALDRY

Regional style is important to many SCAers who want to recreate armory from a particular country or geographic region. However, sometimes the rules do not allow that style (ex: color on color or metal on metal being no-no's). With the proper documentation submitters can make a case for their regional style armory submission, looked at on a case by case basis. Sometimes this has taken a lot of research to find the examples needed. In the *July 2010 Letters of Acceptance and Returns* a clarification on the rules regarding regional style and documentation for armory is made by the Wreath Sovereign of Arms.

### **From Wreath: Documented Exceptions, Armory Documentation, and Core Style (Oh my!)<sup>1</sup>**

This month two submissions were discussed which violated sections of the Rules for Submission, part VIII, Compatible Armorial Style; both requested consideration under RfS VIII.6. Documented Exceptions as Regional Style and provided documentation towards such consideration. Both submissions generated a significant amount of commentary, much of it focused on whether or not the documentation provided was sufficient to grant the Regional Style exception. As expectations regarding the standards for documentation for armory in general have varied (and at times been self-contradictory) and what little written policy that has existed has been vague, the time has come to clarify these standards further.

The number of examples required for the registration of documented exceptions under general and regional style has varied widely. One oft-quoted precedent from November 1993 cites “at least a dozen” examples for a general exception, but the addition of the regional style rules in 1995 left the required level of support unclear. The February 2001 registration of *Gules, a bear passant sable* was registered under the General Exceptions category, with “over eight unrelated examples of *Gules a [complex charge] sable* in several different geographical areas, plus other similar examples of black charges on red fields.” In January 2009, four examples allowed the registration of a brown complex charge on a blue field as a German regional exception. The necessary number of examples needs to be clarified.

Over the last eighteen years, the Society and the College of Arms have expanded both their interests and the knowledge of period practices. While our heraldic rules allegedly have a goal of encouraging “core” heraldic style, a significant number of people in the Society have an interest in creating armory which is both period and does not neatly fit into that “core”, 1400s English, style of heraldry, whether that period is a geographical location (Hungary, Germany, Iberia, Japan, etc.) or a distinct heraldic time period (English Tudor-era). If our goal is study and education regarding period heraldry, as Corpora enjoins us to do, we should not be putting burdensome restrictions on people who wish to register period armory, whether it is “core” style or other period heraldic styles. The College of Arms, while urging Laurel towards period armory, seems inclined towards onerous restrictions on documented exceptions. To register exceptions, they call for excessive examples, go out of their way to dismiss examples, try to require documentation beyond that which the RfS requires (such as documenting the exact combination of multiple style violations), or requiring each submitter to redo the entirety of the work that others have done to document specific common regional styles every time they are submitted. At the same time, single examples are often used as reasons why submissions should not be registered or should conflict with other items. These standards are inconsistent internally and with our ostensible goal of education in period heraldry and historical heraldic usage.

At this time, we are clarifying the standards for armory documentation and for regional style exceptions, whether arguing for or against a particular heraldic practice, to the following:

- For the exact practice, three independent examples will be sufficient.

- For multiple practices in the same armory (as in Juliana de Luna's submission on this month's An Tir Letter of Intent, which violates both the complexity limit and the layer limit), three independent examples, all of which have the combination of all submitted practices will be sufficient, or six independent examples of each practice. If no example of the combination can be found, six independent examples of each practice should be sufficient to give the submitter the benefit of the doubt that the practices might have been used together.
- For similar practices, six independent examples will be sufficient.

“Independent examples” means that multiple examples from a single heraldic line (i.e., examples from a single family) will be counted as a single example.

An ‘exact’ practice does not have to include the submitted charge in the exact same situation, but should have charges of the same complexity. “A single black primary charge with a complex outline on a red background” is the type of pattern we would call an exact match. These patterns should share the tincture and level of complexity of the design, as well as the type and outline of the charge. A submission that is an exact match for the early pattern would only be a similar match for the patterns “a red complex-outline primary charge on a black background” (the tinctures match, but are swapped) or “multiple black complex primary charges on a red background”.

This does not change standards for documenting charges new to SCA heraldry: a single example of the charge used in a period heraldic jurisdiction remains sufficient.

What does this mean to us? A set number of examples have now been specified for documenting regional style in armory submissions. If you want it, you still have to do the research, but you now have a defined number of examples to find to make your case for your armory submission. This makes it easier to an extent depending on the geographic region you are looking at. Again, the research is up to you.

If you have a particular heraldry question you would like answered in “Lessons in Heraldry”, please let me know! I may not know the answer but will try to find an answer that helps.

Maistir Rory

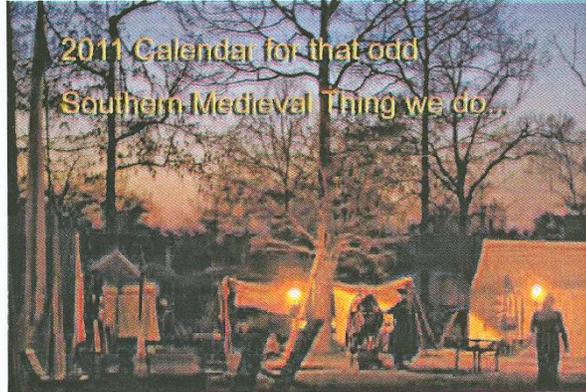
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