

# ARDANRUNES

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## Calendar of Events

November 5	Samhain – Grey Niche
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December 10	Christmas Revel – Axemoor
January 21	Winter Wonders – Ardanroe
January 28	Swamp Romp – Troll Fen
February 11	Athenaeum – Blackwood
February 25	Fighter Collegium – Vogelburg

## ARDANROE OFFICERS

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

Chatelaine: Lady Evlaliia Sveneivicha  
Constable: Lord Jurgis Bebra  
Historian: Lady Amelia Balentine  
Provost of RUGA: Lady Amata Quentin Motzhart  
Quartermaster: Mistress Sarah MacGregor  
Web Minister: Lorccán na Túaithe  
Minister of Children: VACANT

## HARKEN YE!

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

November 5 – Cooking at the Farm – 10:00 am – Avice and Symon’s (Saturday)  
November 6 – Fighter Practice/Pell Practice/Armoring – 2:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr’s House (Sunday)  
November 8 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)  
November 20 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Duck Pond off King’s Highway (Sunday) – (?) due to BAM  
November 22 – Shire A&S Night – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday) – (?) due to Thanksgiving

Come walk the track at LSU-S every Tuesday in October at 6:30 p.m. with Skallagrímr and Travis.

Garb and other projects may also be worked on at fighter practice afternoons!

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



## TOWN FAIRE

The first fighter practice of October was held on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>, at two o'clock in the afternoon at Skallagrímur's home. This was a postponement from the 2<sup>nd</sup>, which had been Gleann Abhann Coronation weekend. Karn and Godric practiced. Skallagrímur, Jurgis, and Bryan worked on refitting the list field posts for using rebar ground-stakes. Evlaliia and Joya worked on Evlaliia's dress (hemming). Rory smoozed (okay, helped a little with the list field posts). Practice ended at five o'clock that evening.

The second fighter practice of October was held on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Duck Pond on Kings Highway near the Broadmoor Branch Library. This was a postponement for the 16<sup>th</sup> due to the weekend of the 14-16 being Knight's Academy. In addition to fighter practice, this was a picnic social for the Shire. Everyone was encouraged to wear garb and bring a pot luck item. The Shire would purchase fried chicken. While the picnic was originally to occur at the end of practice, the low number of combat-able fighters at two o'clock lead to the picnic occurring first along with long conversations. Fighter practice itself did not start until after 4:30 pm when Akimoro arrived after work to join Godric on the park field. Attendance during the day included Domnall, Skallagrímur, Evlaliia, Gunther, Joya, Jurgis, Branwen, Godric, Tyler and Garrett, Akimoro, and Rory. Symon dropped off homemade rolls but did not stay due to the plague at his home. Apple pie was dropped off by Dana's nephew, as Dana and Medb were in Vogelburg dealing with family matters. All in all, everyone had a good time. At six-thirty the group began departing for home.

The Shire A&S Night Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Aulds Branch Library was a night to vent ones frustrations on innocent woolen shards that had been sheared from sheep. Melisant had three bags, but only brought one of the multicolored sheep hair. Two big wooden cards were used to card the wool, a great way to let out all your energy. People had to learn how to "swish" with the cards so that the wool would not be cast all over the table and floor. The carded wool was placed in a large plastic tub in layers. Later hot soapy water would be added and the wool pressed down to soak up the water. This would be rubbed until all the wool clung together and then flipped over and rubbed on the other side. Then the soap would be removed through another cold water soaking and the 'sheet' of wool placed into a dryer followed by ironing each side to end up with a thin or thick piece of felt (depending on how many layers of carded wool had been used). Attendees Wednesday night were Joya and Jurgis, Gunther and Celestria, Melisant, Amata, Rory, and Beth (who was at the library demo in July). Skallagrímur provided a hot plate for warming up the soapy water, but did not stay for the project. The group was there from seven to nine o'clock.



## DEPUTY WANTED

Evlalliia is looking for a Replacement Deputy for the local office of the Chatelaine. Please contact Evlaliia if you would like to find out more about the job (meet new people and get them to come to local activities ....).



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

*FEVERFEW*

Feverfew (*Chrysanthemum parthenium*) has many names such as Bachelor's Button, flirtwort, febrifuge, featherfew, and featherfoil. Its name is derived for the Latin "febrifugia" which mean fever reducer. Its planetary ruler is Venus.

Its native range was Eurasia, especially Balkan Peninsula, Anatolia and the Caucasus. Its ease of cultivation has allowed it to naturalize in most temperate zone, especially those of Europe, China, and North America. That vast spread might be explained by the fact that it was highly favored by Victorian gardeners. In some places, it is considered an invasive weed.

It can grow to between 2' and 3' tall. It does well if given a reasonably moist soil with full sun though it tolerates partial shade. The numerous flowers look like daisies with their flat yellow centers and small white petals. Some confuse feverfew with chamomile. Chamomile flowers are a dome-shaped central floret and its leaves are very leathery. Feverfew leaves are light green and, depending on variety, may be covered with a silky down or be hairless. If you crush the feverfew's leaves, they give off a strong scent, which many find offensive especially bees and other insects. Feverfew stands much more erect than chamomile. It is an easy plant to propagate. If you wish to sow from seed, it is best to start them indoors in February or March so they can be set out in June. Just like chrysanthemums, root cuttings taken from the wooden stem should be inserted into the ground during the winter months.

Feverfew is not something everyone can take. Do not use if pregnant or trying to become pregnant. Contact dermatitis can occur with use of a topical cream. Internal use has been known to cause nausea, vomiting, pain, diarrhea, and flatulence. If chewed, it has been known to cause mouth ulcers or numbness with swelling of the mouth. Long term users should gradual wean themselves off it use because abrupt interruption of use can cause withdrawal symptoms such as headaches and pain in the muscles and joints.

Feverfew's active ingredients are parthenolide and tanetin. Feverfew is primarily a medicinal herb that has traditionally been used to treat fevers, headaches, arthritis, and digestive ailments and have been shown to have a scientific basis. Other medicinal uses include coughs, congestion, bronchitis, asthma, and as a sedative as well as in tonics. It is theorized that migraines are prevented or lessen because the parthenolide in feverfew inhibits the release

of serotonin and prostaglandins and by limiting the inflammation of blood vessels in the head. Feverfew is effective at the prevention of migraines if taken over a period of time but it does not help once an acute attack has started. In a 2005 study, parthenolide was shown to kill certain cancer cells such as leukemia. Feverfew's sedative effect is attributed to its relatively large quantity of melatonin.

Feverfew has several ornamental uses such as in herb and flower arrangements and planted in rock gardens, window boxes, and containers. In wool mordanted with chrome, the fresh leaves and stems will produce a greenish yellow dye. It has been used in some insecticides and repellants.

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## FORTNIGHT

The Populace Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 12 at the Aulds Branch Library. The meeting was called to order at seven-twenty by the Seneschal, Avice. Fourteen adults attended the meeting (Candice #1, Sir Robert, Evlaliia, Jurgis, Joya, Amata, Gunther, Karn, Akimoro, Dana, Melisant, Rory, Symon, and Avice), and one child (Baby James). Skallagrímr arrived after the meeting due to out-of-town work.

Officer reports were given by the officers.

The Historian was not present due to class schedules.

Rory as Herald reported that Joya turned in her badge resubmission and Bryan and Tonya turned in their name submissions (Gunther and Celestria) tonight. Rory reported on the status of submissions at Kingdom and at Laurel.

Rory as Chronicler reported the October issue of the *Ardanrunes* is on the website thanks to Lorccán. A paper copy was given to Avice. Thanks were given to Ebrahim for the photos from Pennsic.

Amata as Provost is working on classes for Winter Wonders. One teacher is really excited about teaching at the event. Akimoro might give a class on Japanese pirates.

Melisant as Minister of A&S was able to attend tonight, thanks to a babysitter. She would like to attempt felt-making at the October A&S Night. Avice reported that she will be teaching a class at Havoc on Viking Curds and Whey.

Joya as Exchequer reported that the Shire has money, roughly \$6700. The last of the signers paperwork is at the bank for the signers to sign. Three of the four signers have been able to get to the bank so far.

Evlaliia reported for Skallagrímr the Knight Marshall that a successful fighter practice was held this past Sunday. Skallagrímr would like to move the next fighter practice this coming Sunday to the following Sunday due to conflicts with Knights Academy. It would be held at the Duck Pond starting at two o'clock. A suggestion was made to have a picnic afterwards of potluck food. And everyone is to be in garb. Avice will post a sign-up sheet for the pot-luck picnic.

Evlaliia as Chatelaine reported she has received more emails from people interested in finding out about the SCA. The new folks are coming around.

The Webminister was not present. Rory reminded the officers that Permission to Publish Personal Information forms needed to be completed by all officers and sent to Lorccán.

Old Business:

Winter Wonders – A lot of progress is being made on the event. Wooden tokens as gold coins are painted and will be stamped soon. Mistress Rebecca (Kingdom Minister of A&S) needs to be contacted for final confirmation of a Regional Fair at Winter Wonders. The Laurels will be having a meeting at Winter Wonders. It is possible that the Laurels could sponsor their TOC qualifying tourney at Winter Wonders. Mistress Rebecca is also the Laurel Secretary. Skallagrímur to talk to her about all of these. Joya has heard from the Crown’s Travel Coordinator and the Crown will be at Winter Wonders. There will be a Grog contest. There may be a Jolly Roger contest. This might be a children’s contest with Jolly Rancher candy as a prize. Skallagrímur to talk to Bridie about this. There will be a Quest to find a piñata parrot, which will be used in the revelry after feast stuffed with candy. Rory is working on the Quest and will need volunteers to give out the clues. Scrolls will need to be done for the contests. Skallagrímur will give a list of the scrolls needed next month.

New Business:

BAM – Bordermarch Autumn Melees – At least seven Shire members are currently planning to attend this event in Texas.

Cooking Classes to prepare for Crown List and Winter Wonders – Avice asked if anyone was going to Diamond Wars on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. No one present was planning to attend that event. Avice will hold a cooking gathering to pre-cook for Crown List on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Symon and Avice’s home, starting at ten o’clock. November 5<sup>th</sup> will tentatively be another pre-cook day at their place.

TOC IV Rules – The rules have been posted on the gleann abhann yahoo group by Sir Grimbaldus. Rory went over the rules. A copy was given to Skallagrímur after the meeting.

A request was made for a list of the deputy officers to be added to the Shire newsletter so people know which offices have deputies and who they are. Avice will work on this.

Announcements:

Avice went over the Kingdom Calendar for October, November, and December.

Sir Robert announced that he will have two visiting SCAers during the Thanksgiving holidays, Thursday – Sunday, who would love to give a class on calligraphy and/or heraldry and/or crossbows if there is an interest.

Melisant invited everyone to attend the Ghosts of the Civil War night at the Mansfield State Park October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Akimoro announced that Barnes & Noble is looking for a volunteer Santa for November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at five after eight o’clock.



**SHIRE RECEIVES ARGENT KEYSTONE**

Greetings once again Beloved Shire-mates!

Some of you have already heard the news and I am bit late in posting it to the list. Hopefully, like always, you will forgive me.

For the Shire's service to the 12<sup>th</sup> Crown of Gleann Ahbann above and beyond the general expectations of fealty, we were awarded the Order of the Argent Keystone (OAK) at KA&S in September. Huzzah to all our members for their efforts in body and support in spirit!

I believe (and Rory correct me if I am wrong) that everyone may now place the acronym OAK after their name if they so choose.

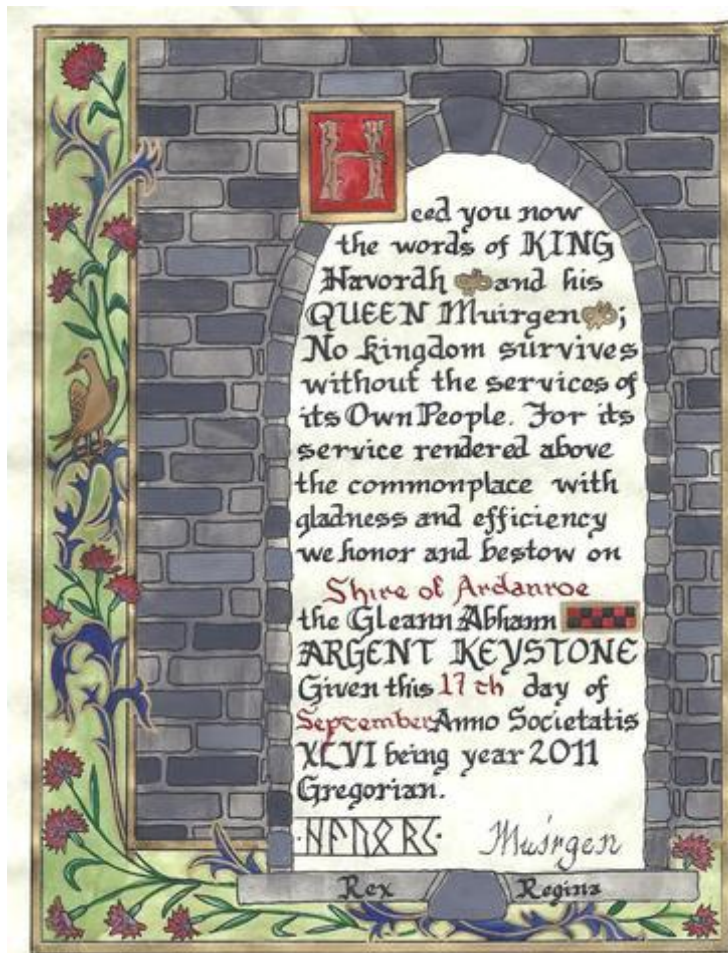
A copy of the lovely scroll created by Aine ni Shuilleabhain of the College of Bleuflattes is in the photo section of the yahoo group for anyone who wants to print a copy for their own keepsake.

I currently have the original until someone more learned (Rory) tells me where it should reside permanently.

Thank you all once again for all your hard work. Their former Majesties Havordh IV and Muirgen greatly appreciated all the support from our Shire for Their Reign (and Their current Majesties think our folks are pretty spiffy too).

See you all next week at the business meeting and thanks once again for all the hard work,

Avicé



## CARRIAGE CHATTER

### Havoc, October 28-30, Shire of Loch Bais

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

While I did not arrive on-site until a little after five-thirty Saturday evening, the Shire of Loch Bais' annual event, Havoc, appears to have been a great success for a small event. At roughly five forty-five the royal court of Their Majesties Hiromoto and Kimiko was held inside the main hall. Baron James ens le Breres announced their entrance. James and Lady Lasair of Wyrnggeist were the court heralds that evening. Sir Uther carried the sword of state. Lady Aishe carried a spear. At least two others were part of the entourage behind the thrones. Lady Lasair was actually hidden by the Queen's throne so a disembodied voice announced the opening of court.

Queen Kimiko stated her voice was going out and that His Majesty would be doing most of the talking. Thanks were given to the hosting Shire, the great weather, and wonderful time had by all. The oath of fealty was offered and a handful of the populace came up at this time.

Their Excellencies Alejandro Ramirez Mendoza and Amalia Zavatini, Baron and Baroness of Elfsea in the Kingdom of Ansteorra, were announced. They came as Ambassadors of Their Stellar Majesties Aaron MacGregor and Amelot Lisette. His Majesty Ansteorra was disturbed to receive word of massing troops near the borders. His Majesty Hiromoto assured Baron Alejandro that there was nothing to fear, yet he too, had noticed growing troops near his own borders. However to ensure peace and show good will, Their Excellencies were bid to join them in court, seated to the King's left, and to join Their Majesties at the high table for feast and dine upon the food that they would be eating. Baroness Amalia took her seat next to the King with Baron Alejandro at the far left. Queen Kimiko sat to the King's right.

At this time all for which this was their first event or first court, were asked to come forth. Gunther and Celestria, two of our new members, joined three others. Her Majesty gave each of them a mini-loom composed of warped cardstock with a tiny shuttle of another color of thread.

The autocrat, Lord Bran Finn hua Neill, was summoned. He announced 68 in attendance today. There may have been 70, since I did not get to sign the troll sheets until after feast, and Sir Robert's wife also arrived during court. Bran announced that a Best Dressed Viking Lord and Lady contest had been held during the day with populace vote. The winners were Bruci for Best Dressed Viking Lord and Marcilla Despencer for Best Dressed Viking Lady. A representative from Blackwood (may have been Jorhildr I think) accepted the scroll for Bruci, whom had already left site.

An Arts and Sciences competition had been held. The winner was J.T. of Loch Bais for his display of chainmail. A tournament had also been held. The winner was His Excellency Alejandro Ramirez Mendoza. The Crown thanked Bran and asked that he stay for a moment. For his service in the area of heraldry, work at Gulf Wars, and work within his Shire, he received a Grant of Arms.

Jorhildr of Blackwood was summoned. She was actually announced with a Viking surname (something-dottir), however it was difficult to understand. Lady Lasair was having a hard time with names. Jorhildr was escorted by Paul the Small. For her beautiful scroll work Jorhildr received the Silver Ram. Queen Kimiko asked that all of the Companions of the Silver Ram stand, and there were a goodly number present. Humor occurred in the reading of the scroll by Lasair, for when she got to the name, she said "Jorhildr (pause) Yeah" rather than try to decipher the surname again.

Lady Melisande le Piryere was summoned. For her service she received a Grant of Arms. Baron James announced that Master Rory wished to have business with the court. Master Rory asked to be sure Their Majesties wished him to come forth, since just because Master Rory desires to business, it is the Crown's pleasure. Their Majesties happily waved him forth. Master Rory presented a golden box to the King containing two red metallic water bottles, each depicting koi fish, as gifts to their person. He also presented a box to the Queen containing four red-handled steak knives with a holding container that could be screwed into a feast box as gifts to the Crown's estate within the Kingdom. These would be dooly recorded by the Kingdom Chamberlain.

Ian O'Donnell was then summoned and praised for the Gleann Abhann choir. He too received a Grant of Arms.

Paul the Small was then called forth. His Majesty at this time returned to Paul his squire's chain, being a squire to Sir Radu, for Paul had once again sworn fealty this evening. His Majesty explained that earlier this month an 'event' was held for a terminal child, a 'make a wish' type event, where the child was made King for the Day. Many people from Gleann Abhann and Ansteorra attended. At the 'event' Paul had asked His Majesty if he might be released from fealty so that he could swear fealty to the boy-king for the event. This request was granted. Today,

Paul having once again sworn fealty to Gleann Abhann, King Hiromoto returned his squire's chain. The King also gave Paul a link from his own chain. For his actions, Paul received the Sovereigns Letter of Endorsement. Court was then closed. It was ten after six.

Havoc was held at Lake Bistineau State Park Group Camp One near Doyline, Louisiana. Troll had opened at five o'clock Friday afternoon and a traveler's fare had been laid out at seven o'clock. THLady Melisande, Tachibana, THLady Marcilla, and Baron Nigel were the diligently troll workers.

Breakfast was served Saturday morning from seven to nine o'clock. The Arts and Sciences competition entries were set up inside the main hall starting at eight o'clock. Just one or perhaps no one brought rapier equipment, so only the heavy weapons tournament was held. Armor inspection began at nine o'clock. Mistress Bethany Bacon canceled her Running the List class since she was overwhelmed with duties as assistant cook and list minister and ....

Twelve people entered the tourney making this truly the first official Tournament of Champions Qualifier. Entrants included Titus Lupin, Lady Meadh of the Galloglach, Lady Aishe, Lord Griffin MacNeil, Sir Uther von Zeimer, Baron Alejandro of Elfsea, and Sir Robert FitzHugh of Bannockburn. I suspect Lord Paul the Small also was an entrant. Lord Skallagrímur Bárðarson did not fight and has had to withdraw from Fall Crown List due to doctor's orders. I am not sure who else fought or marshaled the tournament. Lady Meadh reported she was out after her first two bouts. Lord Titus said he lost to Sir Uther, won his second, but lost his third to Lady Aishe. Magnus might have fought in the tourney, but might have missed it (or helped as a herald) due to being part of the group running the lunch fundraiser. I suspect the finals were between Baron Alejandro and Sir Uther.

The tournament was held in the open clearing to the left of the main hall. This allowed those taking classes inside the main hall to watch the tourney. The tournament started at ten o'clock. After the tournament there were pick-up fights.

The first class was chainmail by Lady Jorhildr, also at ten o'clock. Those attending made a decorative pendant of different colored chain links to display as a necklace. Lady Joya showed hers to me after feast. THLady Avice of York taught Skyr and Mysa: Viking Curds and Whey from eleven to twelve-thirty. She had a nice handout, a copy of which Master Erik had after feast.

The Shire of Blackwood held a lunch fundraiser at noon. Viking Embroidery by Lady Auriana was canceled as she had broken out in hives Thursday. Mistress Brigit Olesdottir's two o'clock class, The Viking World, had nearly half of the event attendees present. Master Erik of Telemark's class on Construction at Early Period Life, Past and Present immediately followed Mistress Brigit's. His handout showed pictures from the Early Period Life Encampment at the Gulf Wars site. Viking Games, being wrestling, log toss, and such, was canceled.

At four o'clock the Arts and Sciences competition was declared over and the hall was cleared and prepped for feast. When I arrived just after five-thirty, the populace was pretty much all set up for feast and would be sitting in the chairs at the tables during court. Once court was over, the thrones were packed and two tables were set up for the high table. Lady Aishe and a young gentleman sat to the Queen's right. The Baron and Baroness of Elfsea sat to the King's left.

THLord Ian announced the removes. I dined with Marcilla, Master Erik, Mistress Brigit, Lasair, Baron James, a gentleman from Wyrnggeist (I forget his name but he also fought in the tourney and said he did much better in the pick-up fights having been a while since able to fight), and a young new member from Troll Fen for whom this was her first event. And oh there was so much food! Toasts were made to Their Majesties, the visiting guests from Elfsea, and to those not present due to service overseas. Prior Gilbert thanked everyone for coming. Several gentlefolk of Loch Bais sang, usually in English. THLord Bran sang an old English song, which of course was completely jibberish to our modern ears, but the tune was nice. Lady Zaneta and THLady Melisande each sang understandable songs.

During feast His Majesty recognized Baron Alejandro as the first winner of a Tournament of Champions Qualifier. His Excellency asked that he might be allowed to choose someone to take his place, as duties as an Ansteorran landed Baron would not allow him to attend next year's final tournament. This was accepted and Alejandro asked Sir Uther to take his place. Sir Uther in turn asked if His Majesty would allow him to fight in Baron Alejandro's name. This too was accepted.

At the conclusion of feast the cook was summoned. Sir Grimbaldus Bacon was the head cook. He gave praise to his wife for taking his ideas and telling him what would and would not work for his first feast to oversee. Mistress Bethany and THLady Ambrielle were the major assistant cooks during feast and thanked.

After feast the hall was cleaned and cleared as most tables and chairs were put away. The kitchen dishes had been washed during feast and the offer was made for washing the populace's dishes in the kitchen. I socialized till nine-thirty and then headed for home, bidding farewell to those inside and outside the main hall.



Of those from Ardanroe I saw in my roughly four hours on-site, mostly spotted inside the main hall but a couple outside at the picnic tables included Avice of York, Evlaliia Sveneicha, James in le Breres, Joya la Normande, Jurgis Bebra, Robert FitzHugh of Bannockburn, Skallagrímur Bárðarson, Celestria and Gunther (two of our new members), and Sir Robert's wife. This was a nice little event.



## TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS IV RULES

As sent out by Sir Grimbaldus Bacon  
10/10/2011

### Tournament of Champions IV

1. Entrance to the Tournament of Champions (ToC) shall be through the earning of a 'golden ticket' gained by placing first or second in Standard and Baronial qualifying tournaments or by being chosen as a Champion by one of the 4 orders: Rose/Diamonds, Laurels, Pelicans, Chivalry. Also, the King's Champion and Queen's champion will both be eligible to fight in the Toc.

2. Standard Qualifying Tournaments will meet all of the following qualifications:

- Must have a minimum of 12 competitors
- Must be open weapon style
- Must be double elimination
- Must be open to any fighter authorized in the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann
- Must have ONLY individual SCA heavy-weapons combat components for competition (i.e. no A&S entry requirements, no arm wrestling or bocce ball etc.)

3. Standard Qualifiers with 12 to 17 fighters advance the first place winner with a 'golden ticket'. If a standard ToC qualifying tournament does not have 12 competitors it may be stricken from the circuit and no 'golden tickets' awarded, at the discretion of TRM. In addition, if tournament has 18 or more competitors, the first AND second place combatants shall receive a ticket.

4. Baronial Qualifying Tournaments can be either the Baronial Championships or a tourney sponsored by the Barony at an event. The format for Baronial Qualifiers will meet all of the following qualifications:

- Must have a minimum of 12 competitors
- Weapon styles can be chosen by the Barony (i.e. great sword, wheel of misfortune, etc.)
- Must be a standard tournament format (i.e. double elimination, bearpit, round-robin, grand melee etc.)
- Must be open to any fighter authorized in the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann
- Must have ONLY individual SCA heavy-weapons combat components for competition (i.e. no A&S entry requirements, no arm wrestling, bocce ball etc.)

5. Baronial Qualifiers only advance both first and second place with a 'golden ticket' if they have 18 or more competitors. Otherwise they will only qualify the first place winner. If a Baronial ToC qualifying tournament does not have 12 competitors it may be stricken from the circuit and no 'golden tickets' awarded, at the discretion of TRM.

6. All slots in the ToC are at the discretion of HRM. Persons who have won previous 'golden tickets' may continue to fight in qualifying tournaments. Golden tickets may only be transferred from one competitor to another with the permission of TRM.

7. At the ToC event there will be one Standard Qualifying Tournament open to anyone who does not already have a slot. First and Second place will be advanced to the ToC with 'golden tickets'.

8. No additional qualifiers besides the Open Qualifier will take place.

9. The Peerage Orders may sponsor one of the Standard Qualifying Tournament or another tourney that fulfills the standard requirements. In lieu of sponsoring a standard tournament, individual Orders may select their champion to advance to the ToC.

10. The Tournament of Champions List shall be run by the Emerald Herald or by a member of the Order of the Chivalry.

11. King and Queen's Champions are chosen at the discretion of TRMs.

12. A prize TBA will be awarded to all 1st place finishers in the Standard and Baronial Qualifiers.

13. The ToC representative on site will award 'golden tickets' and prizes at court, on the list field or during feast.

14. The date for ToC IV will be September 29, 2012. Site TBD.

Each Shire, Barony, and Order of Peerage, must contact Sir Grimbaldus to have their qualifier added to the official list. If a qualifier is cancelled, or does not have 12 competitors, it may be rescheduled (at the discretion of TRMs).