

ARDANRUNES

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Calendar of Events

March 13-20	Gulf War XX
April 2	Plunderers & Privateers – Iron Ox Elfsea Defender – Elfsea (Ansteorra) Scottish Highland Fair (Shreveport)
April 9	GA Spring Coronation – Axemoor
April 30	Forest Maiden VII – Blackmoor Keep
May 21	GA Spring Crown List – Grey Niche
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June 11	Birthday Bash – Loch Bais
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ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: The Honorable Lady Avice of York	Chatelaine: Lady Evlaliia Sveneicha
Knight Marshal: Lord Skallagrímur Bárðarson	Constable: Giric l{o,}gmaðr
Herald: Maistre Rory ua Riada	Historian: Lady Amelia Balentine
Exchequer: Lady Joya la Normande	Provost of RUGA: Lady Amata Quentin Motzhart
Minister of Arts & Sciences: The Hon. Lady Melisant of Exmoor	Quartermaster: Mistress Sarah MacGregor
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada	Web Minister: Lorccán na Túaithe
Chirurgeon: VACANT	Minister of Children: VACANT

HARKEN YE!

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

March 4 – Pell Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímur's House (Friday)
March 6 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Darkhorse Farms (Sunday)
March 9 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
March 23 – Shire A&S Night – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
March 25 – Pell Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímur's House (Friday)
March 27 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Darkhorse Farms (Sunday)

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

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The following Shire offices need Deputies: Replacement Deputy Herald and Replacement Deputy Constable



TOWN FAIRE

Due to the weather, fighter practice was not held on January 30th.

Pell practice was officially added to the Ardanroe calendar of Shire activities in February with the first pell practice on Friday the 4th from six to seven o'clock in the evening at Skallagrím's home. Skallagrím started offering pell practice in January to gauge interest. Pell practice will be offered each Friday (barring an event conflict) starting at six o'clock. Pell practice was not held Friday, February 25th due to Kingdom Fighters Collegium, which Skallagrím attended.

Due to the weather the Populace meeting was canceled for Wednesday, February 9 and rescheduled for the following Wednesday the 16th.

Shire fighter practice on Sunday, February 6 and 13 was scarce in attendance due to weather, events, and illnesses.

Skallagrím, Symon, Melisant, and Johannes took to the field Sunday afternoon, February 20, at Darkhorse Farm for the Ardanroe fighter practice. Dana, Medb, Avice, Jurgis, Joya, Evlaliia, Branwen, and Rory inventoried the Shire trailer. Several items were sent off to be washed for the next event and others moved to 'garage sale' status. Avice has placed Rory in charge of running a 'garage sale' of items moved to surplus from the trailer and items moved to unclaimed from Lost and Found. The garage sale will tentatively occur at Spring Coronation and the funds will go to the Kingdom's Discretionary Fund. The Coronation hosts now plan to hold a Fair in the afternoon as a fund raiser to the Discretionary Fund, so the 'garage sale' may be a table at the Fair instead.

The February Shire A&S Night was held on the 23rd at the Aulds Library starting at seven o'clock and ending around eight-thirty in the evening. The hands-on class was 'How to make a liri-pire hood' taught by THL Avice of York. Attendees were encouraged to bring two yards of cloth, scissors, and pins. Portable sewing machines were a bonus if brought to be able to sew the hood up that night. Avice distributed instructional handouts and placed a copy in the Files section of the Ardanroe yahoo group. Attendees at A&S Night included Skallagrím, Evlaliia, Dana, Amata, Symon, Joya, Jurgis, Rory, Amelia, Melisant and four children (two babies and two youngsters). Melisant brought her portable sewing machine and Amata with Dana's help was able to complete her white and black check patterned hood that night. Skallagrím took home two cut out and pinned hoods from muslin cloth, and Joya and Jurgis each took home one cut out and pinned hood to sew up later.



FORTNIGHT

Due to the weather the Populace meeting was canceled for Wednesday, February 9 and rescheduled for the following Wednesday the 16th. The meeting began at 7:15 p.m. at the Aulds Branch Library and concluded at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the local herald, Rory, and begun by the Seneschal, Avice. Fifteen adults

attended the meeting (Avice, Dana, Medb, Ebrahim, Domnall, Skallagrimr, Evlaliia, Symon, Lorccan, Rory, Amata, Joya, Jurgis, Amelia, and Melisant) along with several children.

Officer reports were given by the officers.

Amelia as Historian reported she is almost finished with the historians event report regarding Winter Wonders XXV.

Rory as Chronicler announced the February issue of *Ardanrunes* is on the website thanks to Lorccán. He had copies of the Release Forms for Creative Works and distributed some to Avice.

Rory as Herald announced congratulations to Skallagrim on receiving the Onyx Chalice at Historical Romance event this past weekend. Congrats also to Joya and Mateo on the registration of their devices. He still has paperwork to show Bridie regarding her name submission which was returned at Laurel. The Crown needs Onyx Chalice and War Horn scrolls for Gulf Wars. A new replacement deputy is needed as Eibhilín is not able to take the office. Melisant has brought the file box and other items that were given to Eibhilín at the Shire Holiday Party.

Joya as Exchequer reported that the event finance report for Winter Wonders XXV was done and the Shire made a profit of \$670+. She also has made copies of the troll sheets for the Exchequer files and has the originals to give to the Constable.

Amata as RUGA Provost reported a successful day of classes at Winter Wonders XXV. She is working on compiling the evaluations.

Skallagrim as Knight Marshall encouraged everyone to come to fighter practice on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. It is hard to have practice if the fighters are not there. Skallagrim is also hosting pell practice on Friday evenings at six o'clock at his home. He made the trip to Loch Bais on Tuesday for their weeknight fighter practice, which is drawing fighters from Loch Bais and Vogelburg.

Evlaliia as Chatelaine introduced Domnall, the former Kingdom Chronicler, who has just moved to Ardanroe from Seleone.

Melisant as Minister of Arts and Sciences has completed her quarterly report. After discussion it was decided that next week's A&S Night will be Avice's class on hoods and the March A&S Night will be Skallagrimr's on chainmail.

Lorccan as Web Minister reported loading the February *Ardanrunes* on the website. Now that deer hunting season is over (Lorccan shot his first deer this year – congrats!), he will be working on building a new site for the Shire – updating and revising the current one.

Old Business:

Winter Wonders XXV is over. There was a profit. Dana and Skallagrim have the Lost and Found from the event. There is also some older Lost and Found items from Fall Coronation and events 12 months or more ago that have never been claimed. A decision will need to be made on what to do with the unclaimed items – garage sale, silent auction, etc. Melisant brought a box of food items that were left in the trailer after the event.

New Business:

Winter Wonders XXVI is 'around the corner'. Rory requested trying to avoid the Martin Luther King Holiday weekend next year (January 13-15, 2012). Other dates in January or February will be looked at. Skallagrim would like to submit a bid to autocrat a pirate themed event. Bids are now being accepted by the Seneschal.

Discussion was held on the Highland Parade and Aesclepius Children's Parade and whether the Shire wanted to participate in either with a float or car/truck or walk. The decision was made to pass this year. The Aesclepius Children's Parade will be held on Fat Tuesday, March 8, 2011, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Pierre Bossier Mall.

An inventory of the Shire trailer is needed as the Shire has agreed to lend it to the Barony of Axemoor for Spring Coronation. The inventorying will start at this Sunday's fighter practice at two o'clock.

The Scottish Tartan Day festival is Saturday, April 2, 2011. It no longer conflicts with the Civil War Reanactors, Easter, or Coronation. The Shire plans to participate with pavilions, fighting field, craft demonstrations. There may be a small parking fee. Avice will send out more details as the festival gets closer.

The Barony of Axemoor is hosting Spring Coronation in Ardanroe at the Lake Bistineau State Park. They asked if we would loan them our stuff. Joya and Dana are doing the travelers fare Friday night for the event.

Viscountess Danielle is still selling 2011 Calendars. Rory got one at the Historical Romance event this weekend. They are \$20 and order information is in the December issue of the *Ardanrunes*. One of the calendar photos is of Sarah, Lorccan, and Helmut.

Celestine Albrit of the Shire of Blackwood has asked if the Shire of Ardanroe would be interested in jointly bidding on a Kingdom Level Event, since now all groups are required to submit bids each year. She is considering Kingdom A&S at the Jimmie Davis State Park if the weekend is available. Based on discussion the group overall seems favorable to a joint bid if a site can be found for one of the fall Kingdom events.

Avice announced that Giric is unable to be active at this time. We need a Deputy Constable. For the Winter Wonders XXV event the autocrat will be in charge of submitting the Constable's report. Joya gave Skallagrim the troll sheets from the event.

Announcements:

Avice went over the Kingdom Calendar for the rest of the month of February, March, and April.

The meeting was adjourned.



HERALDIC RESULTS

The following actions took place at the December 2010 Laurel Sovereign of Arms' Pelican and Wreath meetings, and appears in the December 2010 LoAR printed February 8, 2011:

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED:

GLEANN ABHANN

Joya la Normande. Device. Or, a cinquefoil vert within a bordure gules.

Mateo Lopez. Device change. Per chevron engrailed argent and azure, two dunghill cocks respectant sable and a ship sailing to sinister Or.

His old device, *Per chevron argent and azure, two dunghill cocks respectant sable and a hangman's noose Or*, is released.



WELCOME NEW IMMIGRANTS

At the February Populace Meeting, February 16, 2011, the populace welcomed in one new immigrant to the Shire of Ardanroe from the Barony of Seleone. We are thrilled to have the past Kingdom Chronicler move to our area and say, 'Welcome!' to Domnall Dubh Ua Máille.

From the Gleann Abhann Order of Precedence:

Domnall Dubh Ua Maille

Award of Arms

20 May 1988

Order of the Onyx Chalice

2 Oct 1993

Domnall Dubh Ua Máille

This name was registered in May of 2001 (via Meridies).

The following device associated with this name was registered in July of 1988 (via Meridies):

Gules, on a pile embattled argent, three ravens close sable.

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



POT MARIGOLD

Calendula officinalis was in period called the pot marigold. Nowadays it is more commonly called ruddles, common marigold, garden marigold, holi gold, English marigold, Scottish marigold, or simply marigold. Its planetary ruler is the Sun. The origins of the name “pot marigold” is thought to refer to its golden flowers (gold) which bloomed during the festivals honoring the Virgin Mary (mari) and was used in the festival foods especially soups (pot).

Its true origins are lost in the mists of time though Southern Europe would be a good guess. It has spread across the civilized world.

While it is a perennial plant, it is often treated as an annual especially where conditions are less than ideal. The flowers are a range of yellow through orange with a central floral disc. There are also pink and cream varieties. With deadheading, it will produce blooms all season long. The flower is supported by a sturdy stalk and reaches between 9 to 20 inches tall. It is a favorite food for the larvae of several species of moths. For that reason, it is not a plant for the vegetable garden. It is a good choice for a flower bed, border, or container especially the flower box. When planting, space them 6 to 9 inches apart.

The pot marigold is a popular plant not only for its colors but because it is easy to care for and tolerates many types of soils. It will usually self-seed. It is resistant to deer. They prefer to be feed every 4 to 6 weeks or use a time release fertilizer.

The chemical composition of the marigold includes flavonol glycosides, triterpene oligoglycosides, oleanane-type triterpene glycosides, saponins, and a sesquiterpene glucoside.

The flowers have been used medicinally by the ancient Greeks, Romans, Arabs, and Indians. The petals and pollen were an anti-inflammatory used to treat skin disorders and pain. It was used to treat internal & external ulcers. It increases blood flow to the affected area and acts as an antiseptic. It is also an antifungal.

Ancient Greek, Roman, and Indian cultures used the flowers in their cosmetics possibly because of its essential oils, saponins, and resins. To lighten and brighten one’s hair rinse your hair in an infusion of the petals. Another use of the petals is to make a nourishing skin cream.

The flowers were served at the tables of the ancient Greek, Roman, Middle Eastern and Indian cultures. Today you will see marigold flowers served in salads, as a saffron substitute, in fish or meat soups, rice dishes, and as a coloring agent for cheeses and butter. The flowers have pungent, spicy taste with an aromatic bitterness. Although the leaves are edible, their bitter aftertaste makes them undesirable. They were also used as a fabric dye in ancient cultures from Rome east to India.

The pot marigold is a good selection if you want to attract bees, birds, and butterflies.

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CARRIAGE CHATTER

Historical Romance, February 11-13, Shire of Blackwood

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

Historical Romance was the name of the Shire of Blackwood's event for the year AS XLV. The previous year the theme was around Mongols as the Shire decided to slowly end their annual event, Masque of the Red Death. This year it was all about the love.

THL Celestine Albrit was the autocrat; THL Nonnie Wlfraven the feasterat. Reservations were sent to the autocrat. The event was held at the Jimmie Davis State Park in Chatham, Louisiana, just east of Jonesboro, at the group camp by the lake. Dubbed 'Historical Romance or Just Another Trashy Novel?', the Shire of Blackwood invited all to answer the most pressing question of fictional literature today. "Is it just gratuitous bodice ripping or does it have literary merit?"

The site opened at five o'clock Friday night, February 11, 2011 and closed at one o'clock Sunday afternoon the 13th. Troll was in the main hall. Bookmarks with the schedule, name and date of the event, and a period lovers illumination at the bottom was the token along with copies of trashy romance novels.

Saturday morning breakfast was held in the hall. Armor inspection and the tourneys of the day were held in the open area behind the main hall. You could watch the tourneys from inside the main hall through the glassed back wall, sit under the back porch outside, or sit on the opposite side of the open area, which was denoted by the sidewalk. The lake was behind all of the buildings with a wooden dock that met the sidewalk.

The first tournament was the 'Love & War Tournament', held in the morning. The lady, for whom the entrant fought for, drew four cards. These determined what the worthy opponents, who would face her lord, would use. Each lady also was bid to role two dice in such a way that only the list minister would see these (not even the lady roller would know what she had rolled). If the dice came up snake eyes or box cars (2 or 12), a dagger was the only weapon her lord (or his opponent?) could use. Ten competed in the 'Love & War Tournament' with Queen Broinnfinn serving as the bye fighter. I arrived while this tourney was in process. Their Majesties and Her Highness' thrones were set up under the back porch to have a little shade from the warm, sunny day, and be right on the line of one side of the field. The list minister table was to Their Majesties' left and the Princess' throne to their right. During this tourney and the one in the afternoon, Her Royal Highness Muirgen gave heart belt tokens to all of the fighters. She even gave one to Rory for being a decent herald that afternoon.

Inside the main hall on the right side, almost in line with their thrones, were two sets of tables. The tables closest to the right wall contained a silent auction to raise funds to benefit the GW Royal Hosting Responsibilities. These were items donated by the Queen, including the pledge to knit mittens. The mittens offer was the highest and most bid upon item, such that, Her Majesty offered to make mittens for anyone else who wished to pay the winning bid price. There were several people who took up this offer following court and feast that night.

The other set of tables was for the A&S contest entries. These included the 'Cover contest' (match the cover of a pre-1600's historical romance), 'Carpentry' (non-armor), 'Illumination', and 'Costume Accessories'. Categories listed but without entries were brewing, jewelry, leatherwork, armoring.

The 'Cover contest' had two entries from Baroness Ancyra. These were blank books with covers she had made. *The Mongol's Burning Passion* depicted Motan and Aysun. *The Pirate's Reluctant Bride* depicted another lord dressed as a pirate with a lady slung over his shoulder. I did not recognize these two cover models.

Bran Finn entered two heraldic keepsake boxes in the carpentry category; depicting the arms of Melisant le Piryere and Ian O'Donnell on the top and decorative swirls along the sides. Jam Recarediz entered a scroll in illumination. Nonnie Wlfraven had at least three entries in costume accessories, a new faux-fox (I don't recall which animal as she was talking about it Sunday morning) interior and red exterior with hood for THL Maximilian, a new surcoat for Max, and a new surcoat for Sir Kazimir of Atenveldt (formerly Lord Robert of Ardanroe). Nonnie would be taking all of these with her to Estrella War to deliver to the two gentlemen. She would also be cooking the vigil feast for Sir Kazimir's vigil at Estrella.

Interestingly there are two Kazimir's in Atenveldt and Sir Caillin told the story Saturday night that both were called up to court at the same time and told "Kazimir will become a knight – both Kazimir." And indeed, later at Estrella War this month of February both Kazimirs were elevated to the Chivalry.

In addition to the silent auction fundraiser, Baroness Ancyra had a sales table along the back glass wall towards the left side of items she and her lord-husband, John, wished to part with to raise funds for the printing of the Trading Cards given out at each Kingdom level event. Books were only a dollar. There were t-shirts, sandals for ladies with small feet, and other items. I purchased three t-shirts and a lovely salt or pepper shaker, the only surviving one of the set.

Finally, lunch was a fundraiser. For a mere three dollars and your own feast ware, spaghetti with ground beef and turkey, onions, garlic, oregano, parsley, and other spices, and tea was yours to have.

The afternoon schedule included the Tournament of Champion's qualifying tourney sponsored by the Pelicans, bocce, and several classes. The first class was to have been taught by Master Charles on 'Persona, Garb and You'. Unfortunately the Baron of Axemoor was unable to attend, it being the weekend before his own group's event, and this class was cancelled. Lord Jam's class on 'Calligraphy' was next, and he opted to delay his class until after the TOC list had ended. Joya took Jam's class. The last class was Lord Skallagrím's class, "A Beginners Guide to Alcohol Making", covering more than just Mead Making.

Sir Sa'ad was also unable to attend and so Bocce was not held that afternoon. Instead, following the TOC list, THL Celestine held a 'Historical Novel' contest. Those wishing to compete gathered in the main hall and were given a paperback historical romance novel. Celestine would ask all to find a particular phrase or event in the novels, and the first to do so received a point. The person with the most points at the end won the contest. The avid readers looked for clothing worn by the heroine that matched her hair, heroes seen in moonlight, etc. The sentence or paragraph would then be read and judged correct or incorrect in fulfilling the point request. There was one book, *The Warrior Returns*, which evidently everything occurred in the first three chapters. Humorously that book almost went to the silent auction afterwards.

The Order of the Pelicans sponsored the Tournament of Champions qualifying list at Historical Romance. The winner would be the Pelican's Champion to represent the Order in the final Tournament of Champions tourney to be held in June. Six of the Order members were able to attend – Queen Broinnfinn, Princess Muirgen, Mistress Crystyna, Mistress Gabriele, Mistress Lailiane, and Master Rory. While Mistress Sarah had planned to attend and be the field herald, she instead had father-caring duties that weekend.

Mistress Crystyna and Mistress Lailiane ran the list. Sir Robert Gethin Albrit and Lord Mattheus atte Forge were the marshals. Master Rory was the field herald. Food for the populace was provided by the Pelicans and various protégés and others and set on a table to left of the list table, near the far left back door to the porch. It included the decorative igloo of ice water, mixed nuts, chocolate brownies, snack mix, chocolate candy coated almonds, gummy bears, moon pies, iced heart cookies and sprinkled lip cookies, chex mix, and cupcakes.

There were twelve entrants in the tourney. Once again, Queen Broinnfinn was the bye fighter. Photos were taken of the entrants, the Pelicans, and the two combined. The entrants, as they appeared in the first round, were Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto, THL Motan the Mongol, Baron Grimbaldu Bacon, Roland of Troll Fen, Lord Carson Wynne, Lord Gwynn Bleyne, Lord Johannes von Greiffenburg, THL John Widcombe, Sextus Claudius Scipio, Lord Skallagrím Bárðarson, Alfred Mortensson, and Viscount Sir Caillin Mac Leoid.

Sir Hiromoto took the 'no loss' tree defeating THL Motan, Baron Grimbaldu, Lord Carson, and Sir Caillin. The only two fighters who won their first fight but did not get to face Sir Hiromoto were Lord Johannes and Sextus; Johannes falling to Carson and Sextus to Caillin in the second round. In the third round Sir Caillin had a bye fight with Queen Broinnfinn. In the fourth round he met and was defeated by Sir Hiromoto.

The 'one-loss' tree began with Motan facing Roland; Gwynn facing John; Skallagrím facing Alfred. Roland then faced Sextus; Gwynn faced Johannes; Alfred faced Grimbaldu. Sextus and Johannes faced off while Baron Grimbaldu had a bye fight with Queen Broinnfinn. Johannes then faced Grimbaldu. Carson then defeated Grimbaldu, but was defeated by Caillin.

Lord Johannes von Greiffenburg came in 5th; Baron Grimbaldu Bacon came in 4th; Lord Carson Wynne came in 3rd. The finals were now between Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto and Viscount Sir Caillin Mac Leoid. In a best two out of three bout, Sir Caillin won the first match but Sir Hiromoto won the second and third, becoming the winner of the tournament and the Pelican's Champion.

Mistress Crystyna provided two spears, wooden shafts with metal spearheads on top, as the prizes. These were presented by Queen Broinnfinn to Sir Hiromoto and Sir Caillin as the Companions of the Pelican joined her on the field. Princess Muirgen also presented a large and a small ornate wooden box to Sir Hiromoto and his lady, Lady Ashikaga Kimiko. Three cheers were called for the Pelican's Champion, but Master Rory hasn't lead cheers in a long time and forgot how to do this properly (Sir Gethin had to explain it to him Saturday night - ☺).

Pick-up fights concluded the afternoon outdoor activities. Rory presented to the Crown a small gift for them to use at Gulf Wars in the Kingdom gift exchange. Gleann Abhann had drawn Calontir in the Royal Lottery for the exchanging of tokens. Rory's gift was a cloth quiver of wooden shaft arrows with purple and gold fletchings, Calontir's colors. Her Majesty said Calontir was the only Kingdom still using gulf tubes for arrows, so this was a great gift item.

The silent auction ended at four o'clock, the last class ending at five o'clock, and the hall was prepared for court. Court began at five-forty with a 'pre-rise' announcement given by Sir Caillin, just before Lady Melisant le Piryere, court herald, called for all to rise for Their Royal Majesties Radu and Broinnfinn and Her Royal Highness Muirgen. Baron Grimbalduus carried the sword of state. Brann Finn, child Harry, and Chancellor Tegan were behind Their Majesty's thrones. Baroness Medb was behind Her Highness' throne. Her other Chancellor, Baroness Isabelle, got to sit amongst the populace with her sweetie, Cormac.

Thanks were given for coming to the event, the fabulous weather (as snow had been falling only days before in northern Gleann Abhann), and appreciation to all who were coming and assisting to make the twentieth Gulf Wars a memorable and wonderful experience.

The Oath of Fealty was then offered and taken by four or five people, including Master Rory.

Alfred Mortensson was summoned and received an Award of Arms. Lady Aysun, representing the Damosels of Astolat, was called forth. She was soon joined by a few more ladies and explained that a Gallery had been held during the morning tournament to determine the Most Chivalrous in the "Love & War Tournament". Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto was chosen and he received a scroll making him a Guardian of the Damosels of Astolat. The scroll was by THL Olaf Lutherson and illuminated by THL Melisant of Exmoor. Sir Hiromoto also received a towel and a ring for his lady.

Mattheus atte Forge was summoned. He joined the Order of the Combattant Ram. Members of the Order were asked to stand.

King Tar Radu then promoted the WWBD (What Would Bart Do) t-shirts that were being sold for fifteen dollars for libations at Gulf Wars. "See us after court or feast."

Sextus Claudius Scipio was then summoned and received an Award of Arms. The Crown then asked that anyone for whom this was their first court to please come forth. Queen Broinnfinn inghean uí Chatháin thanked all of these gentlefolk for coming to the event and court and presented each with a small token.

King Radu now called forth the babies. Symon carried young James forth and the nice woman from Loch Bais with the other baby came up. The King proceeded to coo and charm the babies. The babies were asked to return during feast.

Skallagrímur Bárðarson was then summoned. He received an Onyx Chalice, including scroll and a black chalice with a white ram's head on the cup portion.

The Pelicans were summoned and joined Her Majesty. Mistress Gabriele had stepped out so sadly missed this part. Sir Ashikago Hiromoto was called forth and received the scroll as winner of the Tournament of Champions qualifier, being proclaimed the Pelican's Champion. The illumination on the scroll was done by Lady Fronicka von Weiderwilt of the Shire of Lagerdamm. The calligraphy on the scroll was done by Her Majesty, who said her calligraphy was quite unworthy of the illumination, having given Fronicka a Silver Ram at Newcomer's Collegium in January, Fronicka being fairly new to the SCA, her husband having played for some time. Sir Hiromoto also received a cup as winner of the list. These cups as prizes of the TOC III were being done at Lady Ashikaga Shimafuri's pottery shop, Fat Cat Ceramics, by members of Iron Ox and/or Bleuflattes. This one was done by Lady Bethany Theilman and designed by her son. The cup tells a story in pictures around the outside and inside, and has a warning written on the bottom. It was truly very cute.

Celestine Albrit, autocrat, was now called forth. She presented the awards of the day's activities, some of which had already been given during the day. The contests and games and winners were:

Cover Contest – Ancyra

Carpentry (non-armor) – Bran Finn

Illumination – Jam

Historical Novel – Symon

Love & War Tournament – Roland of Troll Fen

A&S Overall Winner – Nonnie Wlfraven

Roland and Nonnie each received a pewter fleur-de-lys platter. Motan and Aysun struck their cover contest pose that Ancyra had captured in her entry. Roland had been authorized as a fighter the previous weekend. He defeated Sir Ashikaga to win the 'Love & War' Tournament.

Celestine announced that for feast each table would seat six people. A contest would be held, 'Table Drama' during feast, and the winning table would receive cheesecake for dessert while all other tables would receive iced cookies. The rules for the contest would be explained at feast.

Baroness Tegan announced the winning bids from the silent auction. Dana the Quarrier had won the bid for the woven mittens to be made by the Queen. Skallagrímr had won the bid on one of the four books. Court was then closed. It was just after six o'clock.

Feast had five removes, each named after the title of a historical romance novel. The feast menu that had been posted during the day actually showed the covers of those books, four out of the five showing the hero and heroine, the *Highland Obsession* being the single bare chest hero. The first remove was *Love at First Sight*. It was bread, cheese, and bacon wrapped dates. The second remove was *Tender Marauder*. It was chicken thighs and vegetables. The third remove was *Highland Obsession*. It was lamb stew. The fourth remove was *Turkish Delight* and was pork loin and butternut squash. The fifth remove was *Sweet Temptation* and was shortbread. During feast, the second and third remove were swapped so the lamb stew was served before the chicken thighs and vegetables. The vegetables were green beans and potatoes.

Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto as the Pelican's Champion, dined at the high table with his wife. Sir Robert Gethin Albrit, as part of the hosting Shire, was helping in the kitchen. Sir Hiromoto evidently made a new rule that "knights sitting at high table do not give the toasts". And thus, Sir Caillin, sitting at the table with his wife, Viscountess Danielle, Baroness Medb, Mistress Lailiane, Mistress Gabriele, and Mistress Crystyna, in front of the Ashikaga's, had to give all of the toasts at feast. Barry White was the musician at the beginning of feast and Sir Caillin "got his groove on" in leading the toast to Their Majesties. Later, Barry White was not performing, but Sir Caillin still tried to remain 'in the groove' in his toast to Their Highnesses. The Queen lead a toast to those serving in the military, whom were not here but doing their duty to protect our freedom.

Table Drama commenced after the first toast and remove. Each team sent a representative to the left side (being the back of the hall), the right side being the head of the hall where the high table was. The representative had to draw two cards to determine a historical person and a historical event. The team of six (though tables could use as many as six or as few as one) then had to act out these for Their Majesties to guess.

Dramatic Tableau was our table, at the back of the hall, the opposite end of the table where Caillin and the other Pelicans not at high table sat. Melisant le Piryere, Bran Finn, Baroness Tegan, and three of the new members of Loch Bais were at that table. I was one seat over sharing a table with Hannah, Nonnie's daughter, and another newer member of Blackwood. Melisant had drawn El Cid and Washington crossing the Delaware River. There were names or things you could not mention or do written on the cards for this game of charades. We could not mention Jimena, El Cid's wife's name. So we set up four chairs for rowers and I stood in front as Washington to recreate Washington crossing the Delaware River, and spouted things about winter, Christmas, and such. And then Melisant and I spouted things about freeing the country from the Moors, the death of Carlos at the treachery of his brother and sister who now jointly ruled without him and had an incestuous relationship. Sadly Her Majesty could only think of "Santa Ana" and could not remember anyone of import from Spain. Cormac was able to tell Their Majesties that it was El Cid crossing the Delaware River.

Four teams competed. The Harlots Romance, named after the fictional publishing company Ancyra had given to the cover contest book covers, had King Henry VIII. The Three Bald Guys and Their Women had at the Alamo. The Lady Pelicans with Sir Caillin had the California Gold Rush. I don't recall the event but the Harlot Romance sang a song that described it. I don't recall who the historical persons were for the other two teams. The Harlots Romance was the winning team and received cheesecake. Everyone else received shortbread; however, it was really good shortbread. These were served in the shape of hearts and had strawberry preserved spread on top with chocolate gnocchi poured over that. It was great! Melisant was able to get a small piece of the cheesecake from Ancyra to share around the table, but I was most satisfied with the shortbread and did not touch the cheesecake. Of the other dishes, the homemade bread for the first remove and the bread for the lamb stew was delicious and I was most impressed with the lamb stew, which had the lamb served as meatballs in the vegetable stew with broth. I ate the vegetables but skipped the chicken thighs, instead eating two pieces of the savory pork loin and amazing butternut squash, which was served as little squares and was tender and tasty.

Towards the end of feast, His Majesty got to hold babies at the high table and coo to his heart's content. The feastcrat, Nonnie was summoned by cheers and chants, and she appeared at the back of the hall. Her Pelican had to take her by the arm and escort her before Their Majesties for she was much weary and mind-numbed. She told me the next day that she and another newer member of her Shire had spent the whole day in the kitchen cooking. Nonnie was much thanked and then allowed to return to the kitchen. Later that evening she would be asked by Their Majesties if she were going to Gulf Wars and could coordinate the field rations? Rations meant those grilled cheese

sandwiches during the battles that Gleann Abhann does. So now she is going to two wars to cook in February and March.

Celestine reported that 69 gentlefolk were on the books as attending this event, though there had been two cancellations; whether those two were part of the 69 I am not sure. Ardanroe had eleven adults and one child at the event, some spending the night and others coming just for the day, a few not staying for feast. Representing Ardanroe were Rory, Dana, Medb, Johannes, Branwen, Joya, Jurgis, Skallagrímr, Evlaliia, Symon, Avice, and baby James.

The kitchen was cleaned by nine o'clock and much merriment occurred outside around a fire in a large metal container and in the sitting room of number four, where drinking and stories were told. It was an amazingly relaxed event. The night sky was clear and you could see the piece of the moon, the stars, and easily identify the Orion constellation.

In the morning, Lord Jam gave the wake up call. Breakfast burritos were made available to make for yourself at the kitchen counter, and all loaded up their wagons for the journey home.



THE MEDIEVAL FAIR AT SPRING CORONATION

Baroness Anastasia will be coordinating a Medieval Fair from noon to three o'clock during the Saturday afternoon of Spring Coronation, April 9, to raise funds for Their Gleann Abhann Majesties Discretionary Fund. Tickets will be sold and used at the fifteen booths. The Barony will provide shelter, a sign, and the tickets; all you need to do is decorate and man your booth for the duration of the Fair. Booth set up is at ten o'clock. There will be a special prize for the best decorated booth.

The Shire of Ardanroe has a booth! We will be using that booth to 'sell off' the surplus items from our inventory, the unclaimed items from our Lost and Found, and anything else anyone wants to donate. Rory is the Ardanroe contact for our booth.

If you will not be attending Spring Coronation and have items you would like to donate to the booth, or want to bring your items to Rory to take to Spring Coronation, please bring them to the March A&S Night at Aulds Library, March 23, as Rory will not be able to collect items at the March Populace Meeting.

If you have ideas for decorating the booth, send them to Rory.

