

ARDANRUNES

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Calendar of Events

July 16	Barbearian Brawl – Small Gray Bear
July 23	Ansteorra Fiber Arts College – Rosenfeld
July 30	Academy of Performing Arts – Iron Ox
July 30	Ansteorran Heraldic & Scribal Symposium – Bordermarch
August 13	Aphar Faire & Regional A&S – Lagerdamm
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September 10	GA Live Weapons Champions – Dragouns Weal
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September 24	Slay the Dragon – Vogelburg
October 1	Coronation – Troll Fen

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 Svenevicha
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 July:

July 3 – Fighter Practice/Pell Practice/Armoring – 2:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr’s House (Sunday)
July 13 – Library Demo – 2:00 p.m. – Bossier Central Library (Wednesday) { Arrive at 1:30 for set up}
July 13 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
July 17 – Fighter Practice/Pell Practice/Armoring – 2:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr’s House (Sunday)
July 27 – Shire A&S Night – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)

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

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The following Shire offices need Deputies: Replacement Deputy Herald



ansteorra fiber arts college
JULY 23, 2011

Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church
417 County Road 1143, Tyler, TX 75704

For more information, see the following website: <http://www.luridmusestudios.com/SCA/FiberArtsCollege/>



FABULOUS RECIPES

Zaneta moglie di Nicolo Marcello served these two dishes as part of her first feast at Birthday Bash. She has posted the recipes for all to enjoy.

Fruyt Suppa (Fruit Soup)

1 1/2 pounds dried fruit (apples, apricots, peaches, pears, prunes, and raisins)
1/2 cup tapioca
7 cups water
1 cup sugar
1 stick cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
1/2 cup maraschino cherries

Put everything in a Crockpot except for the cherries. Cook 4 to 6 hours on low. Add Cherries. This may be served hot or cold. If it's too thick add more water.

Fine Cakes

6 cups soft butter
1 1/2 tsp. salt
3 cups granulated sugar
1/2 Tbs. cinnamon
12 cups unbleached flour

Cream together sugar, salt, & butter. Mix together cinnamon and flour. Add this to creamed mixture, adding water as needed to make the dough manageable. Press dough into 2-3 baking sheets lined with baking parchment; prick with fork at regular intervals. Bake at 325 degrees F for 30 minutes; cut into 100 squares while still warm.



TOWN FAIRE

With the sudden heat wave (highs in the upper 90's to lower 100's), Skallagrím moved the time of the June 5th Sunday fighter practice to 10:00am. It was still at the Duck Pond at 1200 East Kings Highway at the intersection with Reilly Lane. Attending was Symon, Lorccán, Avice, Jera, & Sir Robert. The Shire of Blackwood was holding fighter practice also on Sunday at Kiroli Park in Monroe, Louisiana starting around 1:30 p.m. Those wishing to carpool to Monroe would meet at the Duck Pond at noon.

The Shire of Loch Bais holds fighter practice on Wednesdays at the Wesley Campus Ministry in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Skallagrím offered to meet anyone wishing to go to the Loch Bais fighter practice on Wednesday, June 15th at the Home Depot, near I-49 and Bert Kouns, at 5:30 p.m. to then carpool, arriving at Loch Bais' fighter practice shortly after 7:00 p.m. Skallagrim and Travis rode together. Symon made it as well.

As discussed at the last populace meeting, during the hot summer months fighter practice will be held at Skallagrím's house the first and third Sunday's at 2:00 p.m. These summer practices will be a combination of armor marking/repair, pell practice, and fighting. There will be plenty of A/C for any who wish for it.

The third Sunday of June was the 19th and was Father's Day. It was also the Tournament of Champions III weekend. Practice was still held at Skallagrím's home but was a little smaller in attendance due to these other activities. Attending was Travis, Skallagrim, and a new girl named Sarah.

Skallagrím offered to meet anyone wishing to go to the Loch Bais fighter practice on Wednesday, June 29th at the Home Depot, near I-49 and Bert Kouns, at 5:30 p.m. to then carpool, arriving at Loch Bais' fighter practice shortly after 7:00 p.m.

The Shire's A&S Night was held Wednesday, June 22, at Aulds Library from seven to nine o'clock that evening. Helmut der Adler taught a class on "The History of the Medieval Church". He presented an overview of the formation and changes in the church and how this would have affected the general populace and thus your personas. A few of the many source books shared were *The Oxford History of Christian Worship* (2006), *The Christian Faith in the Doctrinal Documents of the Catholic Church* (2001), and *Medieval People* (2000). Helmut ended with a show and tell of items that might be used in your personas – pilgrim badges, rosaries, relics, and scapulas. Eight people attended the class – Amata, Rory, Jurgis, Joya, Danita, Tonya and Brian, and Sarah of New Mexico. Also during A&S Amata submitted a badge and Rory and Helmut consulted on a badge idea for Helmut.

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



COLUMBINE

Columbine (*Aquilegia vulgaris*) belongs to the Buttercup Family. Its name comes from Latin. While the genus name (*Aquilegia*) is derived from the word for eagle (*aquila*) because the petals were thought to look like an eagle's claw, the name Columbine is derived from the word for pigeon (*columba*). Its planetary ruler is Venus. Columbine is a perennial.

Columbine is a European native but has been naturalized to North America. There are several North American native species as well. In the wild, it can be found in meadows and woodlands. It is now a traditional plant in gardens around the world. The spring flowering plant will yield oil, a prussic acid, and mucilage. To get a second round of flowers, cut back the stem. This perennial grows between 15" and 20" tall on the average but some species can grow up to 4'. Although a perennial, it is best to replant the patch every 3 to 4 years. Depending on the species, the lacy foliage can be green, blue green, or gray green and the flowers can be red, mauve, scarlet, pastel pink, pink, gold, pastel yellow, yellow, blue, pastel blue, dark blue, magenta, violet, lavender, dark purple, nearly black, maroon, or white. Columbine will tolerate full sun but prefers partial shade. It prefers well-drained soil but will tolerate average soils and dry conditions. Columbine species crossbred as easily as mint. It will self-sow if you allow seed capsules to form or you can sow seeds.

Columbine should only be used under a doctor's supervision. Columbine species produce cardiogenic toxins similar those found in *Actaea* (baneberry) and *Aconitum* (wolfsbane/monkshood). Between the toxins and the plant's narcotic effect, columbine poisonings can be fatal. Poisoning symptoms include severe abdominal pain, vomiting, and heart palpitations. Culpepper thought it would ease the pains of childbirth. Traditionally it has been used to treat diarrhea, to promote perspiration, and to ease arthritis pains.

It has been used externally used to treat fistulas. The fresh juice has been used to treat chronic skin eruptions, jaundice, dropsy, ulcers, and swelling of the liver of spleen.

Certain Native Americans tribes have consumed the Columbine flower in combination with other greens. The flower is said to be very sweet. Only a very small quantity should be eaten. The seeds and roots are too toxic to eat in any quantity. While a columbine dusting powder is very effective against lice, one must use extreme caution to avoid inhaling the dust or absorbing the oils as either can lead to poisoning.

It is a favorite food of some Lepidoptera caterpillars and is attractive to bees, butterflies, and some birds. The state flower of Colorado is the Colorado Blue Columbine (*A. caerulea*). There is a high school of infamous memory that was named after the state flower. To arouse someone's affections, you would carry a posy of columbines.

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FORTNIGHT

The Populace Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 8 at the Aulds Branch Library. The meeting was called to order at seven o'clock by the Seneschal, Avice. Eighteen adults attended the meeting (Avice, Amata, Dana, Amelia, Joya, Jurgis, Ebrahim, Rory, Domnall, Sir Robert FitzHugh, Skallagrímr, Lorccán, Danita, Evlaliia, Mateo, Helmut, Symon, and Tara) along with two babies and one husband/babysitter.

Officer reports were given by the officers.

Joya as Exchequer reported that the Shire has money.

Rory as Chronicler reported the June issue of the *Ardanrunes* is on the website thanks to Lorccán. Rory had also turned in a summary about the Shire to Lorccán for the front page of the new Shire website.

Rory as Herald was happy to report that Skallagrímr had turned in a Device Change tonight, Amata was working on a new badge, Bridie's name return information was finally handed to Mateo, Jurgis and Joya's new check for their submissions were all handled tonight. After the meeting he wanted to get with Symon about his Device ideas. Godric's name and device, Joya's badge, Jurgis' device and badge were all on the internal commenting LOI for June. Lorccán has also put on the website the updated Armorial and OP's of the Shire.

Amelia gave the report as deputy for the Arts and Sciences Officer. Godric had a successful class on quill pens at last month's A&S night.

Skallagrímr as Knight Marshall reported that it was very hot, with record temperatures in the 100's. Due to this he needed input from the fighters regarding practice. Discussion revolved around canceling outside practices in Ardanroe, attending the indoors A/C Tuesday night practices at Loch Bais, finding an indoor A/C place locally, moving pell practice from Friday night's to the two local Sunday fighter practice dates and include armoring at Skallagrímr's, and instead of practicing individual styles look at war/team maneuvers in an indoor location.

Lorccán as Webminister had placed the June *Ardanrunes* on the website and, having received the Shire write-up from Rory for the front page, will be working on moving the Shire website to the Kingdom in a new look and format.

Amelia as Historian had received photos from Rory tonight from the demo at the Lake Bistineau State Park in May. Amelia is looking for a replacement deputy for the Historian's office. Helmut volunteered.

Amata as Provost had nothing new to report, but she had completed two new pieces of garb, which she displayed.

Evlaliia as Chatelaine reported on the success of the demo at the Lake Bistineau State Park, distribution of lots of flyers, and the unexpected hail.

Old Business:

Avice conveyed the thanks of the Crown to the Shire for submitting a bid for Fall Crown List. The Crown has chosen to give the bid to the Shire of Tor an Riogh. Avice had volunteered to cook feast for both groups, so she will still be doing feast for Fall Crown List.

Avice reminded everyone that bids for Winter Wonders are due today. Two bids had been received and the Shire Finance Committee would make a decision.

New Business:

Mateo is co-autocrating Fall Coronation with Alrekr as the Shire of Troll Fen hosts the event at Kings Arrow Ranch. Broddi from Blackmoor Keep will do the feast. So this is a conglomeration of Shires helping to put on one event. Any assistance is appreciated.

July 13 will be a demo at the Bossier Central Library from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (running 1 ½ hours with the final ½ hour the awards program for the Summer Reading Program). Melisant, Symon, and Skallagrímr will be able to bring fighting gear. Avice is bringing food. Bookmarks as keepsakes will be made onsite.

Sir Robert and Evlaliia have not heard back from the Boy Scouts regarding a date to hold a demo for them.

The Shire of Rosenfeld in Tyler, Texas will be holding a weaving event, Ansteorra Fiber Arts College. The link to the flyer and class information had been posted on the Ardanroe yahoo list.

Avice presented a request from the Kingdom and Sitting Royals of Gleann Abhann. July 29 – August 14 is Pennsic in Pennsylvania. The Crown and Heirs plan to attend. The request is to borrow the Shire's two-axle trailer to bring the Kingdom's items, Royalty items, and personal gear of the Heirs and a tenting gear for all the Royals to and from Pennsic. After much discussion regarding insurance and liability for the trailer and anything in the trailer, the Motion was approved 15 yea, 1 nay, 2 abstain to allow Avice to take the trailer to Pennsic with the Kingdom and Royalty personal gear. A request for a waiver would also be looked at in regards to Kingdom bids for doing this.

Announcements:

Avice went over the Kingdom Calendar for the months of June and July.

Helmut has brought books for people to take away!

Dana has brought bread for people to eat and take away!

The meeting was adjourned at seven-forty five.



CHALLENGES FOR KINGDOM ARTS AND SCIENCES

Kingdom Arts and Sciences will be held September 17 at Cabot Lodge by the Shire of Iron Ox. Already several challenges have been issued for sponsored competitions in different categories of the arts and sciences. More may yet be issued in the coming months. Below are those known of to date.

CHALLENGE #1

The populace is challenged to create items that can be used, worn and/or displayed by Gleann Abhann's Champion of the Arts. This challenge is issued by the Order of the Laurel in conjunction with the Office of Chamberlain and Amethyst Herald.

CHALLENGE #2

Largesse Derby sponsored by Lady Eowyn

Each entry consists of a dozen items, which will be donated to the Crown at the end of the day. (People are encouraged to enter as a team if creating a dozen items is seen as daunting) The winning entry is chosen by populace vote, and the Crown will also be asked to choose a favorite. The overall winner may choose one item from each winner. The Crown's choice(s) may each choose one item. All other items are donated to the Crown. No documentation is necessary. No judging either; other than the putting of one bead in one cup per person attending.

CHALLENGE #3

Novice Costume Review sponsored by Maistres Alysia

Do you love costuming? Do you love to create new costumes? Been *thinking* about entering for a while? Here's your chance! Maistresse Alysia will offer a prize to the best new novice Costume Review entry.

CHALLENGE #4

Animal Husbandry sponsored by Mistress Rebecca with the Greyhounds

Mistress Rebecca will be sponsoring a prize for the Animal Husbandry entry of her choice. So far the prize will consist of (1) Sake set from Japan (not awarded last year) and (2) Marble bowl from Vietnam.

CHALLENGE #5

The Performing Arts sponsored by THL Amelia van Hemessen

This year THL Amelia van Hemessen will be offering two prizes in the Performing Arts – a prize for the highest scoring performing arts entry and another prize for her favorite performing arts entry.

CHALLENGE #6

Bone and Pewter sponsored by THL Frederick Alton

THL Frederick Alton will sponsor a prize for the first time entry in Bone and also the first time entry in Pewter.

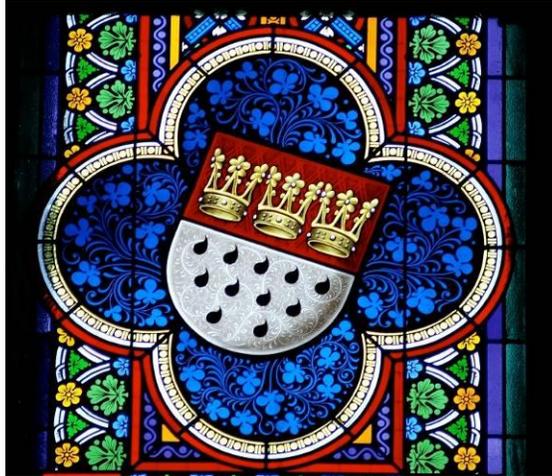


CARRIAGE CHATTER



Forest Maiden VII, April 29-May 1, Shire of Blackmoor Keep

Medb attended this event as Chancellor to HRM Muirgen. Note it is no longer called Forest Maiden's Favor. The maiden is angry



Gleann Abhann Spring Crown List, May 13-15, Barony of Grey Niche

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

The Spring Crown List in the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann was held the second weekend of May instead of the third weekend due to a site conflict. The event was at the Woodmen of the World Camp in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and hosted by the Barony of Grey Niche. THLord Cormac the Bald and Sir Caedmon of Jorvik were the co-autocrats. THLady Elizabeth Donnan was the head cook. Lord Jakob Gempl von Essen was in charge of reservations.

The site opened at five o'clock Friday afternoon. Traveler's fare was laid out at seven o'clock and included beef tips in gravy and homemade macaroni and cheese. Around seven-thirty, or later during the evening, Baroness Bethany Bacon was placed on vigil for elevation to the Order of the Pelican. Mistress Magdalena was coordinating the food for the vigil, being her protégé sister, both having taken a belt from Mistress Meaghan. Late that night, near ten o'clock, a walk of the field was made by the King and his court with those gentlefolk whom had entered the list. The consorts also met that evening with the Queen.

On Saturday a populace breakfast was laid out at eight o'clock inside the hall. The prospective consorts met for breakfast with the Queen at half past eight. A morning court was scheduled for nine-thirty before the tournament activities began. The consort's breakfast was prepared by Serafino and Emelin. Viscountess Brenna, Sir Michael, and members of their household set up the decorations for the breakfast.

I drove down Saturday morning, leaving Ardanroe in darkness and meeting the dawn in crossing the great river that runs through the valley. The river was high and was flooding many low-lying hamlets. Leaving the banks of the river around six-thirty, I made it to the site by nine o'clock.

The registration table was inside the hall. The Peerage Trading Cards at this Kingdom Level Event denoted the first Prince and Princess of Gleann Abhann, Eric and Rhondalynn, and the Shire of Blackmoor Keep. The site token was a ceramic pendant depicting the arms of the Kingdom. Bronze colored pendants and white colored pendants were given out to represent those eating feast and those not, or those spending the night and those just present for the day. I was just present for the day, but was eating feast. I received a bronze colored pendant.

The morning court began shortly after nine-thirty on the list field. Mistress Brigit was the court herald. The members of the Order of the Pelican were summoned. Those present at this time included Mistress Alysia, Mistress Brigit (standing back as court herald), Mistress Diana, Master Erik, Mistress Lailiane, Master Loric, Mistress Meaghan, and Master Rory. I believe that Mistress Crystyna was also present, but Mistress Jane did not arrive on-site until afterwards. Mistress Meaghan spoke first requesting that a member of the populace be added to the Order. Bethany Bacon was called forth. She was escorted by her husband, Sir Grimbalduis, and son, Lord Gabriel, and members of their household and family. Bethany knelt before King Havordh and Queen Muirgen. Prior Gilbert came forth and gave an inspirational speech. Then the Crown did ask for the other Peerage Orders to speak on Bethany's behalf. Sir Uther spoke for the knights. Mistress Margot spoke for the Laurels. Mistress Lailiane read a letter from Mistress Sarah speaking for the Pelicans. Viscountess Danielle spoke for the Royal Peers. The request was made for a word from the populace and John the Bellringer, Bethany's brother, spoke. Bethany was questioned for the second time, having been asked when she first knelt, if she wished to join the Order. Mistress Meaghan

presented the Pelican's medallion she received when she was elevated and this was placed around Bethany's neck. A cloak made by two ladies from Ansteorra, Sara and Roxanne, was placed upon her shoulders. King Havordh stated that only the Chivalry were required to swear fealty, but at this time Bethany did so. The awarding of the Patent of Arms was read by Mistress Brigit, but no scroll was presented for one had not yet been made. Cheers and hugs were made and court was closed.

Armor inspection and final preparations for the crown tournament were now held on and in the vicinity of the field. The campsite had changed in the one or two years since I had last been there. A large metal open air pavilion now stood in the valley where the tourney field was set up. This lent shade from the sun for those who did not have day pavilions to sit under. It also formed one side of the list field. The list minister and heralds were under this. A table was also set up with large igloos of water and Gatorade and bowls of fresh cut oranges and pickles. These were coordinated by Lady Ambrielle. Across the field filling the center and most of the opposite side of the list field was the royal pavilion. Day pavilions surrounded the rest of the field. The layout of the list field and placement of the day pavilions was arranged by Sir Caedmon.

Baroness Isabella, Emerald Herald, oversaw the list table. When all had passed inspection with the marshals and confirmed still participating in the tourney, she was ready to await the creation of the bouts forming the first round. But first there was the procession. Mistress Brigit coordinated the procession, assigning heralds to announce entering couples who did not already have someone to announce them. Lord Iain with his trumpet stood at the entrance to the list field to musically let all know another couple was about to process forth to greet the Crown and populace.

The tourney entrant and prospective consorts were arranged in an Order of the March. There were eleven couples. They were:

Earl Sir Brian mac Brand and Baroness Lorelei von Orlamunde
Graf Uther von Ziemer and Grafin Kenna nic Aherne von Ziemer
Sir Caillin Macleod and Viscountess Danielle de la Roche
Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto and Baroness Ashikaga Kimiko
Sir Luther von Ziemer and Mistress Anyeta the Wanderer
THL Ali Al-Badawi al-Maghribi and Lady Fatimah Al-Naqidah
THL Alan of the Bright Lands and THL Susan Landbeorht
THL Settimio d' Olivio and Aureliana Airta
Lord Collen ap Ifor and Lady Alis ingheann Fhinn
Lord Neil Gray and THL Gentile d'Orleans
Lord Uchtan mac Duib and Brenna O'Duynie

Iain blew a different musical chord for each entrant based on their personas, thematic motif, or personality. I was asked to announce Sir Caillin and Viscountess Danielle, which I did alluding to the chocolate sweet of the Gods for Daniele and the Highlander movie for Caillin.

Following the procession the sword oath was taken by the entrants. Then the eleven combatants in the tourney formed two lines with the five Peers in one and the six non-Peers in the other. The side of six was asked to challenge a person from the side of five to form the first bouts of the first round. One member of the side of six would have a bye fight since there was an uneven number of entrants overall.

Sir William FitzHugh de Cambria and THL Lady Katil were the primary marshals for the tourney as the Earl Marshal, Sir Brian, was an entrant in the list. Sir Uric Blackoak was the original bye fighter but he opted to have the byes rotate between Olaf Bristlebeard and Baron Fergus O'Kelly. Nick, a teenager, was the runner. Iain, Judith, Rory, Michael, and Mistress Brigit were the field heralds. Ambrielle assisted Isabella at the list table. Ryan and Skya operated the shield tree.

The first round after the challenges were made and accepted was: Alan and Sir Hiromoto; Ali and Sir Caillin; Settimio and Sir Brian; Neil and Sir Luther; Collen and Sir Uther; Uchtan and a bye, being Baron Fergus. The no-loss tree progressed as follows:

Round 2 – Hiromoto and Ali; Brian and Luther; Uther and Uchtan; Round 3 – Hiromoto and Brian; Uther and a bye fighter, Olaf; Round 4 – Hiromoto and Uther; Hiromoto carrying the no-loss tree.

The one-loss tree progressed as follows:

Round 2 – Alan and Caillin; Settimio and Neil; Collen and a bye fighter, Olaf; Round 3 – Caillin and Settimio; Collen and Ali; Luther and Uchtan; Round 4 – Caillin and Brian; Collen and Luther; Round 5 – Brian and Luther; Round 6 – Brian and Uther; Brian carrying the one-loss tree.

Mistress Brigit was field herald for the finals. All of the knights took the field, kneeling to watch. Those present that day included Sir Caedmon of Jorvik, Sir Luther, Sir Uther, Sir William, Sir Grimbaldus Bacon, Sir Michael of the Mace, Sir Eric of Chester, Sir Uric, Sir Loric, Sir Leto Darkhorse, and Sir Caillin. All of the consorts joined the Queen, Baroness Lorelei and Baroness Kimiko standing at her sides. What was neat about the finals, which I had never seen before, was that all the unbelted eliminated entrants in the tourney came together at the entrance of the list field under the open-air pavilion and knelt to watch. This show of solidarity in support of both men whom had faced them and made it to the finals was both moving and passionate.

Sir Hiromoto fought Florentine, being two swords, which he had done through the entire tourney. Sir Brian fought with shield and sword. Sir Hiromoto won the first bout and second bout and was proclaimed victor and Prince of Gleann Abhann. King Havordh placed the crown upon Hiromoto's head and named him the Prince. Queen Muirgen gave the Princess' crown to Hiromoto, who placed this one upon Kimiko's head. There were cheers and applause and much hugs, handshakes, and warm wishes.

After the tournament a fundraiser lunch was held inside the hall, while the royal lunch in the meeting of the Crown with the new Heirs, was held under a pavilion. The lunch fundraiser, which was donations, not a set fee, included a pita bread gyro with cheese, sauce, and pulled lamb meat. Another table had igloos with water and tea. THLord Pol Uto, Mistress Alysia, Mistress Vashti, and Viscountess Brenna coordinated the fundraiser lunch. Serafino prepared the royal lunch for Their Majesties and Their Highnesses.

I caught up with Lord Randal outside the hall. Instead of watching the tournament he had helped with the kitchen staff making numerous runs to town for different groceries and supplies. I helped him unload his truck before partaking of the fabulous flavorful gyros.

The Spring Crown List was attended by six adults from the Shire of Ardanroe plus two babies - Avice and Symon with baby James, Amelia with baby Zoe, Medb, Rory, and James. Avice was busy as Kingdom Chamberlain. Medb was busy as one of the Crown's Chancellors. James was entourage. Amelia and Symon were tending babies. All in all, everyone had fun, but were kept active.

At two-thirty the Knights and the Diamond Chalice each held meetings. The Diamond Chalice members met under the wooden pavilion located between the cabins behind the hall. Queen Muirgen stopped briefly at the end of the meeting to speak with them. This was the first meeting of the Order with Baroness Isabella d'Arques as the Order's Secretary.

Just after five-thirty the evening court of Their Majesties Havordh and Muirgen was held under the open-air pavilion next to the list field, now abandoned by the fighters after the tourney and a time of pick-up fights. Lord Gellis was the court herald. Their Majesties were joined by their entourage, Baroness Mahsheed, Baroness Lorelei (in a feisty black cavalier outfit as the Queen's Rapier Champion), Rose, Settimio, Aureliana, and two other ladies. Their Highnesses Hiromoto and Kimiko were accompanied by their entourage, Aisha, James in le Breres, Duchess Onora (their Chancellor), Sir Uric and Sir William as guards bearing spears. Thanks were given by the Crown and Heirs and the oath of fealty was sworn by those whom wished to at this time.

Sir Luther and Ali were summoned but not present. Sir Uther was seen and rushed off to find Sir Luther. Baroness Martha Effingham of Stewarts Keep presented gifts to the Heirs. Queen Muirgen in turn presented Martha with a circlet for a Grant of Arms read out by Gellis.

Baroness Lorelei had quietly departed and now came forth dragging Sir Luther into court by his cap's ties. Queen Muirgen stated that this was the third time Luther had been called into court and was not present. "Fortunately your business is with His Majesty."

King Havordh expressed amazement at the skill shown upon the field this morning by Sir Luther with a polearm and named him as the recipient of the Banner of Valor. The banner was presented to him and the knight departed in a joy of not being in trouble.

THLord Ali was now present and called forth as "the less punctual" to Sir Luther. Ali was named by the Queen as the recipient of the Wreath of Chivalry and received the garland wreath upon his head.

Brother Karl von Zollern was summoned and received a Grant of Arms. Zaneta moglie di Nicolo Marcello received an Award of Arms. Anne Cochrane received a Silver Ram. She was escorted forth by Alrekr.

Baroness Barbara Sterling was then summoned to announce the results of the guessing game. She had a tiny bottle of sesame seeds. When they pop in their pods the sound is like a lock opening, so perhaps that is where the saying "open sesame" comes from. There had been 531 seeds in the tiny bottle and no one had guessed that number. The closest guess was made by Novella of Seahold. Lorccan was just over. Sir Saad had donated two bags of melted chocolate chip eggs as the prize. Queen Muirgen thanked the Shire of Blackmoor Keep for the moon pies donated and consumed during the day.

Lady Emma del Tree, Kingdom Chirurgeon, was pleased to announce that another trainee was now a fully warranted Chirurgeon. That person was Thomas Wilkinson, Judith's husband. He now brought a grand total of ten fully warranted Chirurgeons in the Kingdom.

Sara de Warren was then thanked for the arming caps made for all the fighters at Gulf Wars and the beautiful blackwork at Beltaine. She received an Award of Arms.

The children of Gleann Abhann were now called up to receive gifts of toys and there were lots and lots of kids.

Cormac the Bald, autocrat, was then summoned. He announced that 239 people had attended the event. He thanked his co-autocrat, Sir Caedmon for managing the set up of the field for the tourney and the numerous people who helped with the consort breakfast and royal lunch. Thirty chairs were needed for feast inside the hall. At this time the King had business with Cormac and had good news and bad news. The good news was that King Havordh presented Cormac with the Sovereigns Letter of Endorsement. The bad news was that he was not paying enough attention to his sweetie who was a member of the Crown's entourage. Because of that he was to be slapped around by the Queen's Rapier Champion. Baroness Lorelei dragged Cormac away by his ear.

Mika'il al-Rashid now came forth and turned over the office of the Quartermaster to Lady Deborah of Haleshaven, as he had taken on the position of Youth Combat Marshal for the Kingdom. The plans were add in the future a Youth Tournament of Champions and to teach more Youth Marshals so that the kids can fight alongside the adults and get as much time and attention as possible on the field in training in youth combat.

Mistress Diana of the Isles was summoned. She was accompanied by Lady Melisant le Piryere. "Hi, I'm back!" Mistress Diana told the story of her first three protégés who all moved to Atlantia. Then she had taken Melisant whom had said she would never move to Atlantia. Diana had waited three years, one year for each of her lost protégés, and Melisant was still with her. Now she was ready to take another protégé. Lady Adalaide de Sardonie was summoned and accepted a belt from Diana as her protégé.

THLady Ambrielle was now called forth. She announced that she was now coordinating the Auxiliary Army and as such was holding a fundraiser to buy a period pavilion for the Auxiliary Army to use at Gulf Wars so they no longer have to borrow the personal pavilion of Sir Radu and Mistress Brionnfinn. She is holding a raffle of a knife made by Nakumara Ichirou (Ichi). The winning ticket will be drawn at Fall Coronation and tickets will be sold starting tonight. Ambrielle also presented a cloak clasp made by Nakumara Ichirou to the Queen.

Sir Brian MacBrand now came forth. As a member of the Order of the Laurel, he wished to take an apprentice. Kendra Day was summoned and she accepted his belt, becoming his apprentice. She already wore a yellow belt being a protégé to someone. Who? When Sir Brian had come forth his hands had been full, for not only the belt but also a mug and other items filled them. He had handed his mug to the Queen before he placed the belt around Kendra. Sadly the Queen had misplaced it (perhaps his wife, Baroness Lorelei had swiped it). As such he left court with a new apprentice but without he mug and drink that had been in it. Mistress Lailiane was called for but not present. Court was therefore closed so all might prepare for feast. It was just after six-thirty.

Feast was held inside the hall. It was delicious. I sat with House Telemark, which numbered sixteen or more seats. After feast there was evening entertainment and revelry with cakes and paper flowers made by Anastasia Benitini and the children. Having come for the day, I departed after feast for a nearby hotel to soak in the cool waters and slumber in the soft bed before departing for home Sunday morning.



Birthday Bash, June 11, Shire of Loch Bais

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

The Shire of Loch Bais celebrated their sixteenth birthday with their annual one-day event, Birthday Bash. The festivities were at the Wesley Campus Ministry across from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, on Saturday, June 11, 2011. Prior Gilbert des Moulins was the event steward. Lord Iain O'Donnell, whose name change had just come through – so now he is Lord Ioan mac Aichir huí Domnaill, was in charge of reservations. Zaneta moglie di Nicolo Marcello, whose name had also just be registered, was the head cook.

In fact the Loch Bais-ians had much to celebrate in the release of the April 2011 LoAR just days prior to their event – all of the Gleann Abhann submissions that had been registered were from their group – four names and one device - Ioan mac Aichir huí Domnaill, Melisant le Piryere, Nicolo Marcello, and Zaneta moglie di Nicolo Marcello. The device being Melisant le Piryere's "Vert, a tyger sejant argent within in annulo nine fleurs-de-lys Or."

While the site was billed as a completely dry site, there would be off-site after parties in the evening after the one-day event concluded. The site opened at nine o'clock in the morning and closed at five o'clock in the afternoon (possibly six o'clock once all the end of the event cleaning was done).

The Wesley Campus Ministry building was a nice reverse 'L' shaped building with the long side of the 'L' facing the parking lot and entrance near the base of the 'L'. Across from the parking lot was an open field, the yard of the ministry grounds. This had several day pavilions set up for shade and a small tourney field marked out with poles and ropes.

Armor inspection was to start at ten o'clock with the Defender Tourney for the Shire starting at ten-thirty. A class on 'how to run a list' was also to be held at the field around ten o'clock. I arrived just before ten-thirty and it seemed that others were arriving and armoring up for inspection. So the tourney itself may not have started until after eleven o'clock. Due to the near 100 degree temperatures already beginning to be felt, I spent the day inside and missed seeing the tourney. However, others reported that eighteen gentlefolk competed in the tourney. Titus, whose birthday was that weekend, came in second. Sir Gethin Albrit from the Shire of Blackwood came down for the day and fought in the tournament, not staying for feast.

The Shire of Ardanroe was well represented outdoors with Lord Johannes von Greiffenburg, Lord Helmut der Adler, Senor Mateo Lopez, Lord Skallagrímur Bárðarson, and Lord Conall Mac Ríogh competing in the tournament. After the tourney, there were pick-up fights and Karn Skallagrímurson, Skallagrímur's son who just graduated from high school a few weekends before, was authorized as a heavy weapons fighter. Rapier fighting was also held in the afternoon with THLord James in le Breres and Helmut der Adler donning the thick cloth armor, gloves, and helms.

Inside the building, Lord Ioan greeted all at the troll table. The site token was a tassel made of the Loch Bais colors – blue, white, and black (azure, argent, and sable) with a tiny spooky skull at the top of the tassel's knot. Each attendee also received a clear glass bead to use in the populace vote of the open A&S competition.

The A&S competition was set up along the wall to the left of the troll table, otherwise being the bottom of the "L" shaped building. The two tables contained a variety of entries – two heraldic wood burned boxes by Bran Finn, a carved and tooled leather tool case cover by Conall Mac Ríogh, two pieces of warp-face trim (being inkle-woven) by Ioan, an embroidered handkerchief and head-piece by Auriana Ravenstein, two illuminated scrolls (no text on them) by Titus Cornelius Lupinus, and three pieces of tablet weaving (one double-face in two colors; one Anatolian in two colors; one Anatolian in three colors) by Eowyn Cenek. Each entry (whether it was one piece or several by the artist, they were all considered one entry) had a small bowl in which the populace could place their glass bead as their vote for the winning piece(s).

To the right of the troll table moving down the length of the building (the long side of the 'L') were tables for socializing and classes followed by merchant areas, a resting place of couches, the restrooms, and a private room for the royalty. The royalty in attendance were Their Royal Highnesses Hiromoto and Kimiko of the Ashikaga clan.

The merchant area had two merchants. One was the Sparrow's Nest, which advertised early period garb and accessories. The other was a Fundraiser for the Kingdom Discretionary Fund. This was fabric and other wares donated by Mistress Sarah MacGregor, THLady Avice of York, and Lord Symon Mac Coynich. Mistress Sarah and THL James spent much of the day as entourage to Their Highnesses, Mistress Sarah being Their Travel Coordinator, Symon and Avice alternated time throughout the day working the table and tending to the needs of their six month old baby, James. Another fundraiser for the Kingdom Discretionary Fund and The Ambassador (the Kingdom's Newsletter) was organized by Baroness Barbara Sterling. She sold list tree shields made by her husband, John of Blackmoor Woods, for ten dollars each. Several of the shields were sold that day. The rest would be going to the

Tournament of Champions event the following weekend, surely to find those who might need one for the many tourneys being held that weekend.

Amongst the other wares on the fabric and stuff fundraising table, I found three small fans with quasi-Oriental motif designs. Getting a price quote on the fans, I snatched them up to gift Her Highness as Their Highnesses prepared to depart the cool building for the nuclear blast sun outside, where they would be watching the Defender tournament. Their Highnesses and their entourage did not appear to have fans or other sun protection (heraldic umbrellas and such) with them.

Around ten-thirty, as opposed to eleven o'clock, Lady Eowyn Cenek was gathering at a table interested parties in Celtic knotwork. Her Celtic knotwork class had six or more students and went the whole day simply because of the interest. She was surprised that she never had a chance to touch her tablet weaving, which she does at almost every event she attends.

Lord Bran Finn taught Sumi'i (Japanese ink painting) to at least eleven students varying in age from young children to adults. The class began around noon and lasted about two hours. Bran demonstrated the four mandatory elements that make up all of the techniques that are built upon in sumi'i. These are bamboo (summer) with fierce, angry strokes powered by the elbow; orchid (spring) with gentle curves from the elbow and wrist detail for the petals; chrysanthemum (autumn) full of layered whishes (flick and swish); plum blossom (winter) which has a hidden 'y' or reverse 'y' within the formation of the branch and just a few blossoms (the branch is the more important part of this piece). Students found that depending on their personality and skills they were best at one of the four techniques. The orchid was my best. I did not have the anger for the bamboo. The lady next to me was superb at chrysanthemums. Hers reminded me of the plants seen in sand dunes by the beach. She thought of tumbleweeds. They were elegance in the sparse windblown environment. Lady Ambrielle, on the lady's other side, found bamboo to be a way to release the stress and anger from weeks of dealing with her son's mystery medical illness. Bridie did well with bamboo, orchid, and chrysanthemum. Bran Finn counseled her that the plum blossom might give her the most difficulty, despite her art teacher training. Bran Finn displayed beauty in all four styles but confided that the plum blossom, which also represents loneliness, was often his best.

A class on leatherwork was held after the tournament concluded, around one o'clock. This class, taught by Lord Conall, was in the toe of the 'L' building behind the troll and A&S tables. Conall had around six or more students. He promised to work with Prior Gilbert to schedule a full day workshop for the Shire in the future, where attendees could complete a project, like a cup/mug cover to hide a mundane glass in.

Besides the six on the field, two entourage, two at the fundraiser table, and myself, Ardanroe attendees included Roan, Conall's wife, Joya and Jurgis, who both took the Sumi'i class (Joya also taking the Celtic knotwork class), Branwen, Johannes' wife, Evlaliia, Skallagrím's wife, Bridie, Mateo's wife, and their son. As someone mentioned, this was definitely a family event.

Around two-thirty or a quarter to three the hall was prepared for feast with tables rearranged and eight seats placed at each. A high table was set at the end closest to the building's entrance. Before all sat for feast, the winner of the A&S competition was announced. This was THLady Auriana Ravenstein for her embroidery.

Baron Nigel and I got a chance to quickly catch up before the setting of the hall for feast. I mentioned how we had missed him at Coronation and he laughed about the discovery of being missed, which occurred at Forest Maiden. His back had given him troubles so he had watched but not participated in the tourney.

Bran Finn was the hall steward. Their Highnesses were announced and once they reached the high table, all were bid to sit. The first remove was simple bread with mixed vegetable and fruit salad. A person from each table was asked to pick up the tray at the kitchen counter. Children served ice, water, and tea. After all were served, Bran sang a French song. Sir Grimbaldus Bacon, seated at the high table, led the toast to Their Royal Majesties Havordh and Muirgen. Mistress Bethany Bacon was seated to his left and Prince Hiromoto to his right. On the Prince's right was Princess Kimiko, Bridget McGrannis, and Griffin FitzWyze. Mistress Sarah, with her secret hand signals, indicated that no other knights were present and that the eldest Pelican needed to lead the next toast. Maistre Rory ua Riada led the toast to the Heirs, their most Oriental Highnesses, Hiromoto and Kimiko.

The second remove was frugt suppa (fruit soup) and fine cakes. These were served by the Loch Bais kitchen staff. The fine cakes were like shortbread, only sweeter. The fruit soup was also sweet in the sauce and excellent when combined with the fine cake. Emma Daventry, the Kingdom Poet Laureate, recited a poem.

The third remove was apple stuffed pork, bacon wrapped green beans, and oven roasted potatoes. After this everyone looked full, but of course there was another remove coming. Lady Melisant le Piryere had been challenged by Princess Kimiko to sing a song in English that was upbeat. She sang "Oh, no John, no" which was upbeat in that it had no death or bawdry words, but was still a little risqué amongst the family atmosphere (lots of children at this event).

And then Baroness Barbara was announced and all were eager. Barbara had held her guessing game. This time it was in honor of Loch Bais' sweet sixteen birthday event and the guessing had revolved around a jar of red and green orbed candied sweets. The exact number was 68 and Josey Rodriguez was the winner. Sadly Josey had not stayed for feast. Since you had to be present to win, Bjalf Thorfinnson, who guessed 67, received the bag of chocolate. Barbara reported that 64 of the 80 people who attended the event participated in the guessing game.

The fourth remove was hen in a savory almond milk, mint and spinach ravioli, and baked apples with an oat topping. The apples were apple halves with the core removed and replaced with an oat and brown sugar topping. The hen was chopped up chicken within a milky sauce and with onions or other crunchy vegetable. Lady Melisant sang again. Prior Gilbert reported that 80 people had attended the event. At this time the winner of the Defender Tournery was recognized. That was Griffin FitzWyze, seated at the high table. He received a beautiful Japanese illuminated scroll and a belt token. And because this was a birthday for the Shire, birthday cake was now presented. Two round cakes, funfetti cakes, were presented to the high table and then placed on the kitchen counter for anyone having room and desiring a piece of cake. There was enough desire to nearly finish off one cake.

Lady Marcella then called out Zaneta to be recognized for her very first feast. She was soundly applauded and thanked by Their Highnesses. Lady Melisant noted to Their Highnesses that they had several new people at their very first event. A call out was made for all those for whom this was their first event to stand and be recognized. Their Highnesses then did personally go to these gentles to thank them for coming.

At feast I sat with Baroness Barbara, Conall and Roan, Judith and Thomas, and Eowyn. We all agreed that Judith was the most prepared for feasts for she had brought tongs, spoons, and flat spatula-type utensils for serving each dish that came to the table.

Their Highnesses also toured the tables during feast. Princess Kimiko thanked me for the fans saying that indeed she did use one outside. I reminded Their Highnesses that their entourage had to protect them from all things, not just pointy-items, which gained me some baneful glares from the entourage table, and some chuckles from the Prince.

With the conclusion of feast, the kitchen dishes were washed and feasters could have their dishes rinsed off if placed on the kitchen counter. Tables and chairs were folded and stored and the many wall hangings (almost every member of Loch Bais with a registered device had a wall hanging that went into the Shire tubby) were taken down and packed.

It was nearing five-thirty when I departed, and I suspect the hall was ready to close at six. Despite incredibly hot weather outside, it had been a wonderful family-fun event.



Tournament of Champions III, June 17-19, Shire of Troll Fen

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

The Third Annual Tournament of Champions was hosted by the Shires of Troll Fen and Wyrmegeist the third weekend of June at King Arrow Ranch near Lumberton, Mississippi, just south of Hattiesburg. Katerina Dmitrieva and Master Erik of Telemark were the autocrats. Baroness Katheline van Weye handled reservations.

Bridget of Troll Fen and Roland de Lusignan were the head cooks. There would be an Open Qualifying tournament and a Group Champions tournament Saturday morning as the final chances to earn a place in the third Tournament of Champions list that afternoon.

The troll table opened at five o'clock Friday afternoon, June 17, in the main hall, and remained open until one o'clock Saturday morning. Red beans and rice with sausage was prepared and laid out as traveler's fare in the main hall.

The troll table reopened at six o'clock Saturday morning on the field by the fort. Bacon wrapped biscuits with scrambled eggs and grits was served as breakfast in the main hall from seven to eight o'clock. All of the other morning activities were to be held down by the fort. Moving the troll table was an experiment to see if this made it easier for gentlefolk arriving to get inspected during armor inspection and not to miss out on the action on the field. Thusly everyone was bid to travel directly to the field.

While armor inspection was taking place, Judith Wilkinson taught a heraldry class on Field Heraldry accompanied with a one-page handout. She had two students, Jurgis Bebra and Joya la Normande, who would put into practice what they learned in the class during the day at the three tournaments on the field.

The first tournament held was for the Shire (or Group) Champions. With twenty-one groups, four Baronies, fifteen Shires, and two incipient groups (a Canton and a Shire), there could have been twenty-one entrants in the first tournament. Instead there were only eight group champions in the first tournament of the day.

My arrival onsite was as the Group Champions tournament was coming to an end and I heard or saw the last few bouts as I walked to the field by the fort and signed in at the troll table. The two students, Jurgis and Joya, THL Judith being the teacher, and Ioan mac Aichir huí Domnaill had all been field heralds. Judith had also acted as the runner between the list table and the field. Baroness Isabella D'Arques was the list minister. Sir Uther and Sir William FitzHugh were the marshals. The entrants in the Group Champions Tourney and the groups for which they championed were: Sir Aengus mac Owen (Dragoun's Weal), Baron Fergus O'Kelly (Iron Ox), William of Glenn Lyon (Hammerhold), Alrekr inn Svarti (Troll Fen), Griffin fitzWyze (Loch Bais), Florian Kavallarios (Seleone), Stefan of Wyrmegeist (Wyrmegeist), and Hjalmr (pronounced Halmar) (Grey Niche).

From the list minister the tourney went as follows:

The first round was: Florian and Hjalmr; Alrekr and Fergus; Stefan and Aengus; William and Griffin. The no-loss tree progressed as follows:

Round 2 – Hjalmr and Fergus; Aengus and William; Round 3 – Hjalmr and William; Hjalmr carrying the no-loss tree.

The one-loss tree progressed as follows:

Round 2 – Florian and Alrekr; Stefan and Griffin; Round 3 – Alrekr and Griffin; Fergus and Aengus; Round 4 – Griffin and Aengus; Round 5 – Aengus and William; Aengus carrying the one-loss tree.

The finals were between Hjalmr and Aengus in a best two out of three bouts. Aengus won the first bout; Hjalmr won the second; Aengus won the third. Both Aengus and Hjalmr qualified for the Tournament of Champions with Aengus as the first place qualifier and Hjalmr as the second place qualifier from the Group Champions Tournament.

A request for volunteers to serve as runners for the second tournament, being the Last Chance Tournament sponsored by the Ladies of the Rose and Diamonds was made by Judith, while Sir William announced the start of armor inspection for this tourney.

The Last Chance Tourney was the Open Qualifier Tourney open to anyone to compete in. Twenty-seven gentlefolk competed in this tournament with yet an even higher number possible of gentlefolk who arrived too late, after the end of armor inspection had been called. Mistress Bethany Bacon was the list minister assisted by THL Ambrielle Llewellyn and Lady Kendra Day. Kendra replaced Ambrielle when she had to go prepare the fundraiser lunch. Judith, Ioan, Jurgis, and Rory were the field heralds. Sheldon Olafson and Wilhelm of Vogelburg were runners. Due to the large number of entrants the field was split into two rings so that two bouts could occur at the same time. Because of the split field, there were several marshals. These included Sir William FitzHugh, Sir Uric Blackoak, Sir Uther, Sir Rian, and others. Near the end of the list the field was merged back into one. At that time Ioan returned to conclude the field heralding while Rory was the runner.

The twenty-seven entrants in the Last Chance Tourney were: Olaf Bristlebeard, Wolf, Thorgard inn Illugi, Gellis Gunnerson, Tyril Vidarson, Briar, Stefan of Wyrmegeist, Syr Loric Sylvestris, Motan the Mongol, Raven, Ingvarr, Cassandra of Troll Fen, Master Stephan of Durham, Gwynn Blaene, Lorccán hua Conchobair, Baron Fergus O'Kelly, Maerwynn uxor Florian, Florian Kavallarios, Sebastian Martinez de Lyon, Hassan Al Khail, Symon MacCoynich, THL Ali (of Grey Niche), Titus Lupinus, Jon Widcombe, Roland de Lusignan, Griffin fitzWyze, and Lady A'ishe. The bye fighter was Sir Thorfinn, formerly of Caid and now of Ansteorra or Atenveldt, who was on a

six-week training in the Barony of Arenal and had come over at the invitation of Lorccán, who knew him when he lived in Caid.

The first round was: Olaf and Wolf; Thorgard and Gellis; Tyril and Maerwynn; Brian and Stefan; Syr Loric and Master Stephan; Motan and Raven; Florian and Titus; Cassandra and Ali; Symon and Fergus; Hassan and Ingvarr; Gwynn and Griffin; A'ishe and Roland; Lorccán and Sebastian; Jon and the Bye fighter Sir Thorfinn. The no-loss tree progressed as follows:

Round 2 – Olaf and Thorgard; Tyril and Stefan; Loric and Motan; Florian and Ali; Fergus and Hassan; Gwynn and Roland; Lorccán and Jon. Round 3 – Olaf and Stefan; Loric and Ali; Hassan and the Bye fighter Sir Thorfinn; Gwynn and Jon. Round 4 – Stefan and Loric; Hassan and Jon. Round 5 – Stefan and Jon; Stefan carrying the no-loss tree.

The one-loss tree progressed as follows:

Round 2 – Sebastian and A'ishe; Griffin and Ingvarr; Symon and Cassandra; Titus and Raven; Master Stephan and Briar; Maerwynn and Gellis; Wolf and the Bye fighter Sir Thorfinn. Round 3 – A'ishe and Thorgard; Ingvarr and Tyril; Symon and Motan; Titus and Fergus; Master Stephan and Florian; Gellis and Roland; Wolf and Lorccán. Round 4 – A'ishe and Olaf; Ingvarr and Motan; Fergus and Florian; Gellis and Lorccán; Round 5 – Olaf and Loric; Motan and Ali; Florian and Hassan; Lorccán and Gwynn. Round 6 – Loric and Florian; Motan and Lorccán. Round 7 – Loric and Motan. Round 8 – Loric and Jon; Loric carrying the one-loss tree. The bout between Jon of Widcombe and Syr Loric was much like the Black Knight of Monty Python. Syr Loric took Jon's legs and both of his arms and then chopped off his head.

The finals were between Stefan of Wyrnggeist and Syr Loric Sylvestris in a best two out of three bouts. King Havordh, Queen Muirgen, Prince Hiromoto, and Princess Kimiko came out from under the royal pavilion to stand at the field and watch. Loric won the first bout; Stefan won the second; Loric won the third. Both Loric and Stefan qualified for the Tournament of Champions with Loric as the first place qualifier and Stefan as the second place qualifier from the Last Chance Tournament. Syr Loric was also named the Champion of the Ladies of the Rose and Diamonds.

It was going on twelve-thirty. There would be an hour and a half break before the Tournament of Champions tourney would start at two o'clock.

During the Last Chance Tournament the fundraiser lunch was served by the field starting around noon. At this time the troll table at the field was also closed. Hot dogs, chili, bags of chips, cookies, and tiny packets of condiments composed the lunch. This was a fundraiser for the Auxiliary Army. It was strictly by donation. Aurelia collected the donations while Ambrielle placed hot dogs in buns and another lady added chili, if desired. A box to choose from a wide variety of chips and a box of cookies were on the small round tables forming this six-by-six space behind the list minister pavilion and royal pavilion and in front of the silent auction pavilion.

During the day several other fundraisers and activities were offered on the field near the fort. THLady Avice oversaw a Silent Auction Pavilion of items to benefit the Royal Travel Fund. This was located behind the list minister pavilion, which was set up to the left of the royal pavilion. Mistress Sarah MacGregor, THLady Dana the Quarrier, Brother Karl, and Baron Liam Devlin each donated items to the Silent Auction fundraiser or the previous 'make an offer' fundraiser at Birthday Bash, or both, in support of raising funds for the Royal Travel Fund.

Across the field from the royal pavilion Baroness Barbara had list tree shields for sale for \$10 each to benefit The Ambassador and the Kingdom Discretionary Fund. Her Excellency also had a guessing game.

Have you ever played the guessing game? 'Tis custom for Baroness Barbara Sterling to bring such a diversion to events. It is time for Tournament of Champions III and those who read further will know a bit about the game beforehand. I will certainly be recording the activities of the day with camera but I hope you will find me and give the game a try. Please bring all newcomers by.

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*Welcome to Gleann Abhann's Tournament of Champions III
Sir William Fitzhugh de Cambria won the first Toc List at Christmas Revel 2008
over Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto who claimed ToC II Prize in 2009 which was
presented by King William Fitzhugh de Cambria.*

*The continued success of Gleann Abhann in tournaments, and arts, in education,
fun and more, depends, in no small measure, on the many efforts of her
populace.*

*On the other hand, the items for the Guessing Game are indeed small measures.
You need not guess how much one holds, or even the total amount. Just guess*

their number. The winner is the one who guesses closest, without going over, and will be made known in evening court. (There will be chocolate for the winner.)

No fee, just for fun.

One guess per person.

You must be present to win.

Duchess Onóra organized the water refreshment table with four large igloos on a table inside the Gambit pavilion set up on the right side of the royal pavilion. There may also have been snacks on or near the table to assist in keeping the list entrants and list watchers hydrated and refreshed. The Gambit/refreshment pavilion, royal pavilion, and list minister pavilion filled the space along one of the long sides of the list field.

Also during the morning there was a rapier tourney organized by Mistress Alysia and Lord Aethan Dunmire. At least one entrant in this tournament, Lorccán hua Conchobair, also entered the Last Chance tourney.

The break between the morning tourneys and the afternoon tourney was a time to relax and recover indoors or under a greater degree of shade. The sun had been most fierce with a wayward breeze that at times was strong and at times non-existent. The sun, though, was always bright and hot. During the break the Order of the Pelican met in the main hall and the Order of the Silver Lamp met in Bede hall.

I do not know how many Silver Lamp members were onsite, but there was a large number of Pelicans. Those present during the day, whether fighting, watching, or assisting for the morning and afternoon champions tourneys, or taking part in the rapier tourney, or zipping in just for the meeting before heading home to crack more books in scholarly pursuits included Erik of Telemark, Daphne of Colchester, Diana of the Isles, Linnet MacLeod, Loric Silvestris, Meaghan Arsmith of Ludlow, Stephan of Durham, Crystyna Hyrundo, Jane Beaumont, Morgan of Osprey, Rory ua Riada, Robert von Flusswasser, Alysia Gabrielle de Fougères, Lailiane Asenina, Muirgen of the Mists, Magdalena de Segovia, and Bethany Bacon.

Armor inspection re-opened at one-thirty with the Tournament of Champions Tourney beginning at or just after two o'clock. From the year of qualifying tournaments the names of the entrants in the tourney and the qualifying tourney they won entrance with were:

Birthday Bash - Shire of Loch Bais

1st Place Qualifier - Lord Carson Wynne

Duvant Defender - Shire of Wyrngeist

1st Place Qualifier - Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto

Winter Wonders - Shire of Ardanroe

1st Place Qualifier - Lord Carson Wynne

Swamp Romp - Shire of Troll Fen

1st Place Qualifier - Duke Sir William FitzHugh de Cambria

Historical Romance/Pelican's Champion - Shire of Blackwood

1st Place Qualifier - Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto

Baronial Championships - Barony of Axemoor

1st Place Qualifier - Lord Settimio d'Olivio

2nd Place Qualifier - Sir Uric Blackoak

Fighter's Collegium & War Practice/Knight's Champion

1st Place Qualifier - Lord Settimio d'Olivio

Plunderers & Privateers!/Laurel's Champion - Shire of Iron Ox

1st Place Qualifier - Viscount Sir Caillin Macleod

King's Champion - Count Sir Jon the Tall

TOC Qualifier Tourney - Barony of Small Gray Bear

1st Place Qualifier - Count Sir Jon the Tall

2nd Place Qualifier – Sir Luther von Ziemer

Beltaine - Barony of Grey Niche

1st Place Qualifier - Count Sir Jon the Tall

2nd Place Qualifier - Sir Luther von Ziemer

Forest Maiden's Favor - Shire of Blackmoor Keep

1st Place Qualifier – Olaf Ironheart

TOC Group Champions Tournament

1st Place Qualifier – Aengus mac Owein

2nd Place Qualifier - Hjalmr

Rose/Diamond's "Last Chance" Open Qualifying Tournament

1st Place Qualifier – Loric Sylvestris

2nd Place Qualifier – Stefan of Wyrngeist

Queen Muirgen would also name her Champion this day and that person would also be an entrant in the Tournament of Champions Tourney. Her Royal Majesty named Motan the Mongol as the Queen's Champion.

While there could have been twenty entrants if each person had only won one entry into the tourney, some had won multiple spots resulting in fourteen entrants. Unfortunately not everyone was present. And one of the qualifiers was now the Crown Prince of Gleann Abhann. Some substitutions would occur resulting in eighteen entrants in the final Tournament of Champions tourney. Sir Caillin Mac Leoid and Sir Jon the Tall were unable to attend the event. Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto was now His Royal Highness of Gleann Abhann.

Sir Wernherus Rudemann, Sir Uther von Ziemer, Sir Rian Mulligan, THL James Cooke the Sinister, THL Ali of Grey Niche, William of Glenn Lyon, and Pops were substitutes filling Sir Jon's three slots, Sir Caillin's one slot, Prince Hiromoto's two slots with one person, and some other spots that I know not of. Sir Rian was the proxy for Prince Hiromoto.

Baroness Isabella D'Arques was the list minister. Sheldon was the runner. Lord Ioan, Lord Alrekr, Duchess Onóra, Lord Lannon MacGillivray, and THL Judith Wilkinson were the field heralds. Lady A'ishe was the bye fighter. Sebastian, Gellis, and others were the marshals.

The first round of the third annual Tournament of Champions was: Motan and Sir Wernherus; James and Sir Rian; Sir Uther and Sir Uric; Ali and Sir Luther; Settimo and Sir Aengus; William and Sir William; Stefan and Carson; Pops and Hjalmr; Sir Loric and Olaf. Sir William FitzHugh de Cambria carried the no-loss tree. The final matches in the one-loss tree were: Carson and Settimo; Settimo and Sir Aengus; Sir Aengus taking the one-loss tree. The final bout was best two out of three between Sir William and Sir Aengus. Sir William won the first and second fights and was proclaimed winner of the third annual Tournament of Champions.

The final tourney of the day ended around four-thirty in the afternoon. Almost immediately following the tourney, the Laurel's Ice Cream Social was held under the Barony of Axemoor's pavilion. A youth combat meeting may also have been held on the field. The members of the Order of the Laurel provided the ice cream and asked that the populace provide the topping. The best topping would receive a lovely ceramic bowl made by Mistress Anyeta. Two prizes were given out. The top prize went to the pineapple jalapeño topping – sweet with a kick. The second prize went to a strawberry sauce made by Marcel of Seleone.

The Laurels present during the day of the tournament were Isolde die Graue aus dem Lebendhertz, Erik of Telemark, Alysia Gabrielle de Fougères, Finn Normansson, Jennet of Tewkesbury, Anyeta the Wanderer, Rosalind bint Mihrimah, Etheldred NicEoghainn, and Kenna Aherne. Due to the heat Master Erik left after the Pelican's Meeting with a wilting daughter Rose, missing out on the Social.

At ten after six following the sounding of the horn by Ioan, Gellis, as court herald, announced the arrival of Their Royal Majesties Havordh and Muirgen and Their Royal Highnesses Hiromoto and Kimiko. Court was open on the field in front of the fort. The King stated that this was the first time to have two preliminary tournaments for people to have the opportunity to get a shot at entering the Tournament of Champions tourney. It also gave people a chance to fight and wear themselves out fighting, while those already entered could rest and relax. The Queen thanked everyone for keeping hydrated, coming and watching the tournaments, participating, assisting, and making a good day of a hot pre-summer day. The Prince thanked Sir William for taking over the responsibilities of running the tournaments after the Prince became the Prince, and thanked everyone who helped with the tourneys.

No one came forth to take the oath of fealty at this time, so the children of Gleann Abhann were summoned. The children were each able to select a toy from the toy chest near the royal pavilion. As they did this, the King thanked the parents for bringing the children to events and allowing them to participate in the activities of the event.

Sir William FitzHugh de Cambria was summoned. He was thanked for all his service in running the tournaments today and recognized as the winner of the third annual Tournament of Champions. A special scroll and prize would be given to him at a later time. Sir William thanked everyone who came out in the heat and helped with the tournaments.

Motan the Mongol was called forth and officially recognized as the Queen's Champion with a scroll and gift bags for his lady (who was not present today) and himself. He was bid to join the entourage behind the throne.

Lady Elise ingen Finn was called forth. The Queen stated that this lady was a glutton for punishment; when she saw a need she handles it. Elise was made a Baroness of the Court. The coronet was made by Queen Muirgen's champion.

Paul the Small received a Grant of Arms. Eowyn de Weaver explained the Largesse Contest which would be held at Kingdom Arts and Sciences. Nakamura Ichiro received an Award of Arms. Godfrey Barlowe, escorted forth by Mistress Rosalind, received an Award of Arms.

The Ladies of the Rose and Diamonds were summoned. They were represented by Duchess Onóra inghean mhic Catháin, Countess Kenna nic Ahern von Ziemer, Countess Diana of the Isles, Countess Beatrix de Montecassino, and Duchess Linnet MacLeod. The Ladies had sponsored the Last Chance Tournament and had held several competitions amongst the Ladies Gallery. Sir Loric Silvestris was recognized as the Champion for the Rose and Diamonds. THLord Ali was recognized for Chivalry on the Field. Lady Naquid, Lady Brioninn, and Lady Emma were recognized for Courtesy and Support of their Tourney Entrants and those who watched the tourneys.

Sir Loric Silvestris was asked to return. At this time the members of the Order of the Sable Banner were asked to come forth. Loric joined the King's Bannermen as a member of the Order of the Sable Banner.

Baroness Barbara was called forth because the Queen says so. She revealed that today's guessing game had 150 measures and that Sir Loric wins again! The Bannermen cried out that their newest member had to share the chocolate with them.

Katerina Dmitrieva, autocrat, was summoned. She apologized for the weather but was happy to announce that 165 people were onsite for the event. She thanked Sir William for all of the tournament work and reported that \$288 was raised in the Silent Auction overseen by THL Avice of York. THL Ambrielle had held a successful lunch fundraiser for the Auxiliary Army. Baroness Katheline was thanked for overseeing the rapier tourney. Katerina was asked to stay and at this time His Majesty presented her with the Order of the Onyx Chalice.

Her Excellency Baroness Martha Effingham of Stewart's Keep was now summoned. King Havordh announced that Charles and Martha were stepping down as Baron and Baroness of Axemoor the last weekend of August. The polling had been completed and at this time the Crown wished to announce the names of the new Baron and Baroness of Axemoor. Those two gentles were Gellis and Brigida. Queen Muirgen recognized Dafydd and Tegan as the other couple who had volunteered to serve in this position and thanked them for their dedication. Following cheers for all, court was closed. It was just before seven o'clock.

Feast was held in the main hall. The first remove was fresh bread with butter and honey spread, cheese with fruit and nuts. The second remove was a Greek salad with chicken and savory cheese pie. The third remove was roasted beef over potato cakes with bacon wrapped green beans. The fourth remove was bread pudding with chocolate hazelnut sauce. While I paid for the day with feast, due to the heat I skipped feast, departing after court clean-up for the cooling waters of the Inn of Holidays.

Of the 165 gentlefolk attending the event, the Shire of Ardanroe was well represented with at least eight adults and one child, not counting those who did not attend but sent items for the Royal Travel Fund fundraiser. THLady Avice of York and Lord Symon Mac Coynich with baby James arrived Friday night with the Kingdom trailer, Avice being Kingdom Chamberlain. Sir William FitzHugh de Cambria and Mistress Jane Beaumont assisted in setting up the royal pavilion that evening. THL James in le Breres as one of the entourage to Prince Hiromoto and Princess Kimiko. He was one of the Prince's shadows, making sure His Highness was always accompanied as he wandered around the tourney field and to meetings. Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid as one of the Chancellors to King Havordh and Queen Muirgen, was on Chancellor duty most of the day, as Baroness Isabella D'Arques, the other Chancellor, serving as Emerald Herald of Gleann Abhann, ministered the lists. Lord Symon competed in the Last Chance Tournament and assisted with the Silent Auction fundraiser. Lord Jurgis Bebra and Lady Joya la Normande took the field heraldry class in the morning, assisted as field heralds for the Group Champions Tourney and hung out around the list minister pavilion to watch the tourneys, learn more about all the herald jobs at a list, and participating as needed. Lord Helmut der Adler spent the day as a rapier fighter, participating in the rapier

ourney that morning and watching the Tournament of Champions tourney that afternoon. And I was there to assist as a field herald, a runner, Secretary for Pelican's Meeting, shopper at the Silent Auction, observer and participant.

Despite an incredibly hot day, the event was a lot of fun and great success. Already planning is underway for TOC IV suggested at the end of September 2012.

