

# ARDANRUNES

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## ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: The Honorable Lady Kendra Dey  
Knight Marshal: Lord Akimoro of Ardanroe  
Herald: The Honorable Lady Evlaliiia Sveneivicha  
Exchequer: Lady Joya la Normande  
Minister of Arts & Sciences: THLady Melisant of Exmoor  
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada  
Chirurgion: VACANT

Chatelaine: THLord Skallagrímr Bárðarson  
Constable: Lord Jurgis Bebra  
Historian: Lord Ebrahim al-Jabal{i-}  
Provost of RUGA: Lady Amata Quentin Motzhart  
Quartermaster: Lady Joya la Normande  
Web Minister: Lord Lorccán na Túaithe  
Minister of Children: Lady Bridok O Sullevan

## HARKEN YE!

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

December 1 – Shire Trailer Day and Holiday Party – 1:00 p.m. – Dark Horse Farms (Olaf & Melisant’s) (Saturday)  
December 2 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Duck Pond off King’s Highway (Sunday)  
December 3 – Project Night – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliiia’s House (Monday)  
December 6 – Fighter Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)  
December 9 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – A.C. Steer off Youree Drive (Sunday)  
December 10 – Project Night – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliiia’s House (Monday)  
December 12 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)  
December 13 – Fighter Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)  
December 16 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Duck Pond off King’s Highway (Sunday)  
December 17 – Project Night – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliiia’s House (Monday)  
December 20 – Fighter Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)  
December 27 – Fighter Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)  
December 30 – Fighter Practice/Demo – 2:00 p.m. – Betty Virginia Park (Sunday)

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



## FORTNIGHT

The November Populace Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at Aulds Library with 16 adults/1 child attending. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. and closed at 8:10 p.m.

Attendees included Kendra, Kert, Gui, Gilbert, Marcella, Joya, Amata, Akimoro, Evlaliiia, Rory, James, Medb, Jurgis, Melisant, Ebrahim, and Jonathan, and one child.

### Officer Reports

Seneschal - I need a count for every SCA sanctioned event/meeting that occurs within the shire. It is the responsibility of the hosting party (i.e. the officer normally) to get that information to me.

Knight's Marshal – Fighter practice on November 15 is cancelled due to BAM. Fighter practice on November 22 is cancelled due to Thanksgiving. Not sure yet if there will be fighter practice on December 23 and December 27. Everything else is as normal.

Herald - Some consultations with Kert on name and armory and Bridok on armory. There will be a Project Night on November 19 but there may not be one on November 26 depending on family houseguests.

Exchequer – We are paying for a full page flyer for Winter Wonders in January's Ambassador.

A&S - Skallagrímr has gotten a German eagle leather stamp for the Winter Wonder site tokens. The November A&S will probably be leather Winter Wonders tokens making. A&S night is November 28. There will not be an A&S night in December. The January and February A&S nights will be working on War Horn regalia. Rory will post the regalia pattern for the War Horn.

Chronicler – November Ardanrunes is online and print copy given to Seneschal. Write up events you go to!

Chatelaine – Not present. However the Chatelaine has volunteered to work on a Shire armorial coloring book type project.

Chirurgion (Kingdom) - If you are interested get with Marcella

Constable - Nothing to Report

Historian - Event report turned in.

RUGA - Nothing to Report

Quartermaster - Nothing to Report

Web Minister – the Kingdom website has changed. It is now gleannabhann.net and all Kingdom officers links will now be (kingdom office)@gleannabhann.net. Akimoro has volunteered to take over as Shire web minister.

MOC – Not present.

### Old Business

Winter Wonders (1/18-1/20)

- Joya is taking reservations. Kendra will accept reservations at BAM. Unsure at this time if reservations will be accepted at Christmas Revel.
- Another SCA yard sale will be held at the event
- A silent auction may also be held at the event
- Site tokens will have a German eagle since it is a German themed event
- Feast menu has been decided and will be German themed

Banner for fighting

- Polls were held online and the top pick for the banner slogan is “Come Love History”.
- Akimoro will get with Jordan about constructing the banner
- Banner will be slogan and website only

Interview

- The Shreveport Times came out on Sunday, November 11 and talked to Gilbert and Michael (aka Harp) for an article on the SCA in Shreveport. Many photos were taken. Parental release is needed for all photos of children. One child did not get parental release and that child’s photo should not appear in the newspapers print and online versions. The main photographer was a woman and she focused a lot on portrait shots and Harmony as the female fighter on the field.

Future Events Bids

- Based on all comments received the Shire overwhelmingly decided to hold both events, the GA Symposium by Medb and Rock and Role by Skallagrím & Mateo
- Tentatively the GA Symposium will be June 1 and the Rock and Role event August 24 (or 23-25).
- GA Symposium is a one-day event from 8am – 5pm with dinner on your own. Mistress Sarah will manage crash space.
- Rock and Role may be a one-day or a full weekend at LBSP Group Camp 2. Decision will be made soon.

Office Badges

- The Shire does not have a populace badge. The Kingdom Principal Herald feels this is an excellent learning opportunity for the local herald on group submissions and will work with the local herald on this project. It is unclear if the local Chatelaine has volunteered to lead the design committee in creating a populace badge for the Shire.
- At this point Bridok and Mateo have volunteered to make Shire baldrics for our events to show who the staff is.
- Conall is going to look at making leather badges for officers and event staff. They will be shire property.

Mardi Gras Parade

- Kendra the Seneschal asked for someone to spearhead the information on this.
- Rory will post a schedule of the parades currently known and will update with the participant entry information as that becomes available.

War Horn Tokens

- The pattern for the War Horn regalia is not on the Kingdom website.

- Rory has obtained the pattern from the Amethyst Herald and sent it to the Chatelaine for A&S night planning.
- Rory will post the pattern to the Shire populace (yahoo files area, etc).
- Shire is looking at making these during the January and February A&S nights so can have them for Gulf Wars.

#### Christmas Party

- Kendra the Seneschal received many requests not to the party at a restaurant.
- Melisant is fine with having the party at Dark Horse Farms after the Trailer Cleaning/Inventory.
- Melisant has an oven, stove, and microwave for heating up food brought for the party.
- Food will be potluck for the party.
- Group decided to have a SCA themed Secret Santa (all gifts are SCA themed gifts – handmade if possible).
- Group decided to also take up a collection to donate to Providence House like was done last year. Providence House definitely needs the money.

#### Trailer Cleaning Day

- Joya says she needs to do a complete inventory of the trailer since have not had one since the last event. This will take a few hours.
- Timeline is to meet at 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 1 at Dark Horse Farms. Eat lunch before coming out.
- Start Trailer Cleaning and Inventory at 1:00 PM.
- Start Holiday Party afterwards with plans to eat between 5:00 – 6:00 PM.
- Do gifts and collection after food munching.

#### New Business

##### Holiday Schedule for Meeting/Fighter Practice

- Fighter practice on November 15 is cancelled due to BAM. Fighter practice on November 22 is cancelled due to Thanksgiving. Not sure yet if there will be fighter practice on December 23 and December 27. Everything else is as normal.
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- A&S night is November 28 and will be Winter Wonder tokens. There will not be an A&S night in December. The January and February A&S nights will be working on War Horn regalia.

##### Light Fighter Gear Fighter

- Akimoro would like the Shire to get two sets of light fighter gear and estimates \$300 for the cost.
- James will discuss this further during the month on and off-line since there are armor and weapon issues for light fighter loaner gear and he has received input for other groups as to what is done in this area.

##### Known World Handbook

- Medb would like the Shire to get two copies of the Known World Handbook that could be loaned out to new members. Discussion held. One copy to be kept in the Minister of Arts and Sciences library and one copy to be kept by the Chatelaine. Both could be loaned out to new members. The Finance Committee approved the purchase.

##### Schedule

- Kendra went over the December, January, and February Kingdom Calendar. Their Royal Majesties have announced that the Barony of Axemoor will host Fighters Collegium at King's Arrow Ranch.

Kendra has copies of the 2013 Gleann Abhann Calendar from Viscountess Danielle. Our Medb is the July photo. Calendars are \$20 and can be gotten from Kendra. Contact her.

Notes from the Populace Meeting provided by Barun Rory ua Riada, Chronicler



The fighters all lined up for the first 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fighter Practice for the first ever Shire Demo Tourney, held on Sunday, September 30, 2012. The fighters are Gui, Alfred, Symon, Skallagrímr, Drust, and Akimoro. The next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fighter Practice and Tourney is Sunday, December 30, 2012.

## TOWN FAIRE

Alfred, Symon, and Sir Grimbaldus took to the field on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for the first fighter practice of the month at the Duck Pond off King's Highway at 2:00 p.m.

Monday night Project Night at Skallagrímr & Evlaliia's House, November 5<sup>th</sup>, was attended by Skallagrímr, Evlaliia, Gui, Kendra, Alfred, Kert, Gilbert, Marcilla and two new people!

Thursday night fighter practice on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church Church had Gilbert, Gui, and Alfred in attendance.

Sunday afternoon fighter practice on November 11<sup>th</sup> at A.C. Steer had Mateo, Miles, Paul, Harmony, Drust, Alfred, Symon and Akimoro in armor. Gilbert, Marcella, Carole, her daughter, Paul's nephew, Naz, Amata and several walk ups cheered on the fighters. And Harp was there too.

Fighter practice was cancelled Thursday, November 15 due to BAM (Bordermarch Autumn Melees) and Thursday, November 22 due to Thanksgiving.

Project Nights were held on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> at Skallagrímr & Evlaliia's house. Kendra was in charge of coordinating food.

The day after BAM (or War of the Ram) fighter practice was held at the Duck Pond on a sunny but still chilly Sunday afternoon. Skallagrímr, Akimoro, Wolf, Alfred, and Naz fought. Amata, Symon, Eida, and Rainy watched. Many others simply went home to sleep on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November.

Fighter practice at the end of the Thanksgiving holidays was held Sunday afternoon, November 25<sup>th</sup>, at A.C. Steer. Amata, Evlaliia, Rory, Mateo, Bridok, and their two kids watched, while Skallagrímur, Wolf, Alfred, Symon, and Gui armored up and took the smaller field across the sidewalk from the soccer field (soccer practice was in session).

The Sunday morning newspaper, The Times (Shreveport) dated November 25, 2012, had in its Life Section almost two full pages (1L and 6L) on the Shire of Ardanroe and the SCA with pictures, along with a notice to The Times website for more pictures, video and further information ([www.shreveporttimes.com](http://www.shreveporttimes.com)). The Times has seventeen photos in their online Shire of Ardanroe Gallery, [http://www.shreveporttimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/gallery?Avis=D9&Dato=20121124&Kategori=NEWS&Lopenr=211240801&Ref=PH&nlick\\_check=1](http://www.shreveporttimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/gallery?Avis=D9&Dato=20121124&Kategori=NEWS&Lopenr=211240801&Ref=PH&nlick_check=1).

The Shire's A&S Night was held on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Aulds Branch Library. The project of the night was the site token for Winter Wonders. These were made of leather and were being stamped with a German eagle stamp to fit the Germanic theme for the January 2013 event. THLady Melisant, local A&S officer, was unable to attend. Skallagrímur brought the supplies. Many hands labored.



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

*HOREHOUND*

Horehound's scientific name is *Marrubium vulgare* and it belongs to the Labiatae family. It gets its name from the Egyptian sky god, Horus. Horehound is ruled by Mercury.

Horehound resembles a bush with its branching stems and grows to between 2' and 3'. The leaves grow in opposing pairs and measure about 2" in length. The oval leaves have serrated edges with a soft woolly underside. Dense, white flowers appear in summer. The barbed seeds grow in clusters of four and stick to fur and clothing. Horehound has become naturalized in North America though its native range includes southern Europe, North Africa, as well as central and western Asia. It prefers dry sandy areas, pastures, and abandoned fields.

Horehound prefers full sun and has a plant hardiness to Zone 4. It likes a well drained, sandy soil with a pH of 6.9. It can survive on a mere 12" of annual rainfall. If you allow horehound to self seed, it may overrun your entire yard. Propagation in the early spring is by division or from seeds planted 1/8" deep. If you start the seed indoors then set them out at 10" to 20" apart. Horehound takes 2 years to reach its full growth. While flowers do not appear until the second year, you can harvest about the top third of the plant's growth the first year. The second year's harvest should be while the flower buds are forming. While you can hang the plants to dry, they lose their flavor very quickly this way. For maximum flavor, remove the leaves and chop them. Regardless of method, store the dried leaves in tightly sealed jars.

Cases of allergic reaction are few with horehound but in large doses it has been known to cause an irregular heartbeat.

Horehound has a long medicinal history. The ancient Greeks used it to treat bites from mad dogs, Hippocrates included it in his work women's infertility, and Pliny said it was a prime herb in treating all types of poisoning including snake bite. Historically, horehound has been used to treat chronic hepatitis, bronchitis, itches, jaundice, paratyphoid, tuberculosis, tumors, typhoid, and worms. To improve eyesight, you could sniff it or put it in your eyes. When combined with rose oil, it would cure earaches. It has been used to remove obstructions in the liver and spleen. Today's science supports horehound's use to soothe the mucous membranes of the throat and respiratory system as well as promoting expectoration. Horehound cough drops and syrup appears in England in the 1600s and was popular among the American Shakers.

There are many culinary uses for horehound. The menthol taste of the wooly leaves makes an infusion that is a good base for candies and lozenges. Horehound has been used as a substitute for hops in beers. Add seeds from horehound and fennel to beverages such as lemonade and iced tea.

Horehound is one of the “bitter herbs” for the Seder at Passover. It has been long held that horehound could break magic spells. Horehound has been used defend trees that are attacked by cankerworms. If you want to attract bees to your garden then add horehound to your plantings.

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## CARRIAGE CHATTER

### Fall Coronation, Barony of Seleone, October 5-7, 2012, AS XLVII

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

The Barony of Seleone hosted the Fall Coronation of Rey and Miriel the first weekend of October at Camp Wilkes in Biloxi, Mississippi. This was the same site where Rey and Miriel were invested as Prince and Princess of the Principality of Gleann Abhann on May 18, 2002, A.S. XXXVII.

For the Fall Coronation Countess Diana of the Isles was the autocrat, Earl Loric Silvestris was the feastcrat, and THL Marcel Orillion handled reservations. The site opened at six o’clock Friday afternoon, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October. Traveler’s fare was laid out in the feast hall at seven o’clock. Rory and Gui arrived shortly thereafter after a long, but uneventful journey south by southeast. The troll check-in was in the second hall, which had been completely rebuilt after the hurricanes. The interior of the main chamber looked entirely different from wall coverings to windows and from the ceiling to the floors. Baroness Eugenie tended troll with many helpers, including THL Marcel, Giovanna, Alex, Bailey Rose, and Marie. Rory got to introduce Gui to all the southern Gleann Abhannians, jokingly as ‘his son’. Gilbert and Marcilla arrived, having journeyed east and then south, picking up the Duchy scroll for the departing king crafted by Jorhildr. Gradually others arrived including Mistress Brigit riding over with Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto and Countess Ashikaga Kimiko, and even Mistress Marion, the first Laurel of Gleann Abhann, after a 12+ hour drive from the Carolinas.

Morning came too soon and fasts were broken in the feast hall from seven to nine o’clock. Syr Loric and his kitchen crew, including Tegan, Crystyna, Bailey Rose, Deborah, Edduin, Odhran, Nance, Rhonda, Miranda, Sarah and Daphne, prepared many meals and worked much of the day in the kitchen. A tent was erected at the corner of the list field that morning, the royal pavilion (or a pavilion set up for the royals) having already been placed by the grounds crew yesterday, consisting of Edduin, Settimio, Inigo, Egil, and Luciano, and a smaller pavilion along the shorter side of the list field between the tent and the troll hall. Court would be held inside the troll hall, the smaller front room used for troll, and the large main chamber for court, chairs for the populace having already been set into place the night before.

Mistress Barbara roamed with her guessing game, straight pretzel sticks in honor of the pretzel makers who received a coat of arms for warning the town guards of attackers, hearing them tunneling underground as they baked dough in their ovens all night.

Around ten-thirty Mistress Brigit, as court herald, announced the entrance of King Uther and Queen Kenna. His Majesty was very exuberant. Any for whom this was their first event were asked to come forth, and one gentleman did so, receiving a coin as token. Then did a Legate of Rome carrying words from Pope Clement III try to speak to Their Majesties but was told to be seated. Sir William FitzHugh de Cambria, a member of the King's Guard, received the Sovereign's Letter of Endorsement. Duchess Onóra inghean mhic Catháin was then summoned. As Her Majesty questioned Her Grace, His Majesty waved his hands about, and the Companions of the Pelican silently came forth to surround the kneeling Duchess. Lo, there was Mistress Rhiannon of the Isles! And hither, there was Mistress Ebergardis von Zell! The jig was up! And off to the vigil tent at the edge of the list field was Her Grace sent, escorted by the Pelicans.

Much occurred during the morning court, but having left as part of the flock, I know only a few items. Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto was announced as the new Earl Marshal of Gleann Abhann. Marcilla received a Jeweled Ring from Her Majesty. Emma del Trees received the rank of Master Chirurgeon and a Court Barony. But finally, amidst all of the activities occurring inside the hall, the Legate of Rome had audience with Their Majesties.

Mistress Barbara reports that the Legate's message was that a holy man, a priest, not a bishop, had anointed Their Majesties at their Coronation in April and as such they were not legally King and Queen. However, to prevent having to step down, His Majesty knew that the Legate had the rank to properly anoint them as the rulers of Gleann Abhann. The Legate was forced to do so as Their Majesties knelt before him, reciting in Latin and placing oil upon them. Then the Legate left. Shortly thereafter as His Majesty rallied the masses for a journey to Ansteorra in November, Her Majesty collapsed. His Majesty fell ill and swooned away in midst sentence. Alas, it had been the Last Rites spoken while poisoned oil was placed upon them! The Chivalry was called to guard the crowns upon the thrones and carry the deceased from the chamber. Word was sent to find the Heirs.

Soon, Sir Caillin Mac Leoid announced and escorted Prince Rey into the hall. Questions were asked and statements made, and His Highness crowned himself King of Gleann Abhann, taking the title of Roi. Sir Caillin then announced and escorted Princess Miriel into the hall. King Rey crowned Miriel Queen, taking the title of Reine. Duke John the Bearkiller now joined them as court herald. The Oath of Fealty was given to the entourage, Landed Barons and Baronesses, Chivalry, Laurels, Pelicans, Greater Officers of Gleann Abhann, and finally the populace.

Many visitors from foreign lands were present. Mistress Celestine de Chatham and Sir Cairbre mac Síomaigh, of the Shire of Thorngill, Kingdom of Meridies, sat in the front row. As the oath of fealty was offered to the Peerages, Duke John looked upon them with hypnotic eyes, offering them cookies if they would step forward and pledge oath to the Crown of Gleann Abhann.

Uther von Ziemer and Kenna nic Aherne von Ziemer were summoned. Uther received a Duchy, the scroll being black vellum with text by Alrekr inn svarti and illumination by Jorhildr. Kenna received a Duchy, the scroll being a framed piece of embroidery done by Mistress Crystyna Hyrundo. This was seen at Kingdom Arts and Sciences and is one of the three pieces chosen to represent the Kingdom as Champions in the Arts at Gulf Wars. Court was then closed.

The populace fundraiser lunch was served in the feasthall. It was to benefit the Gleann Abhann Social and donations were accepted. The lunch was composed of meatball subs, salad, chips, brownies, tea and water. While the populace's lunch was held, Queen Miriel hosted a lunch for Ladies of the Rose and Diamonds. The Queen's Luncheon was prepared by Duchess Bri and continued the French theme of the new royal court. She was assisted by Duke Radu and many others in serving the royal ladies from three Kingdoms, Gleann Abhann, Meridies, and Ansteorra.

The afternoon was to be filled with tournaments and meetings. The Kingdom Rapier Champion tourney was postponed as THL Adam Goodwine was the only one present to compete. As he had brought armor for both tournaments, he was happy to enter the King's and Queen's Champion Tournament without being tired or drained from a prior tourney.

Count Ashikaga Hiromoto ran the King's and Queen's Champion Tournament. Mistress Celestine acted as list mistress, and was assisted by Mistress Crystyna. It was a large tournament with several warrior women, many squires, a few unbelted, and several knights. Master Stephan of Durham took the field representing the Pelicans. . Gui de Godenak was but one of many in the tournament; however, he did well, and fought three bouts before being knocked out of the tourney.

The Greater Officers were not all present at the event and so opted to have a quick highlights briefing under the royal pavilion while the tournament progressed. Afterwards Mistress Brigit filled Rory in on 'things coming', and they met with Thomas Strongbowe (formerly Thomas the Tall-est), now residing in Wyrnggeist after many years in the west, and whom was working on the data composing the Online Order of Precedence (OOP).

The tournament was still going strong when it came time for the Pelicans to meet. They gathered under the same pavilion where the Queen's Luncheon had been held. Mistress Barbara, Mistress Brigit, Duchess Broinnfinn,



Mistress Crystyna, Mistress Daphne, Countess Diana, Countess Jane Falada, Duke John, Countess Lailiane, Earl Loric, Mistress Magdalena, Countess Muirgen (aka Morgana), Master Robert, Master Rory, and Master Stephan were joined by Their Royal Majesties Rey and Miriel, and visiting guests Countess Rhiannon of the Isles (Meridies), Mistress Celestine de Chatham (Meridies), and Duchess Ebergardis von Zell (Ansteorra). The tourney had come to an end by the time their meeting was over, and only one competitor had dropped from the heat during the tourney. The sun, the sand, and the sea were beguiling.

Evening court was held in the hall shortly after six o'clock. Duchess Broinnfinn inghean uí Chatháin was the court herald, announcing the entrance of Rey and Miriel in French no less. THL Iain O'Donnell from the Shire of Loch Bais served as court herald for the Baron and Baroness of Seleone, Iain being Master Morgan of Osprey, Baron of Seleone, protégé. Duke Radu held the sword of state for the Kingdom in front of himself. Countess Diana held the sword of Seleone at her side.

Queen Miriel gave thanks, explaining that King Rey was not a public speaker. His Majesty did respond with a "thank you all." The children of Gleann Abhann were called forth and given goodies. Then Their Excellencies Morgan and Eugenie opened court. His Excellency apologized for his absence, having been "at hospital" most of the day. He was very appreciative of the warm welcome and finally being here. Her Excellency thanked all for coming.

Their Excellencies had errors to correct at this time, which they had made when they became Baron and Baroness. They had presented some awards at an event that had appeared in a publication, but not an official publication. At this time they presented this awards so that they would be truly legitimate. The Order of the Golden Sealion was given to Master Finn Normansson and Mistress Isolde die Graue aus dem Lebendhertz. His Excellency Thaddeus Camberwell had to leave early the Seleone event, For the Love of Helena, at which they had read into court an award to give to him. At this time they were happy to present to him the Order of the Pearl, the Barony's A&S award. The Seleone court was then closed.

Their Majesties' court was now continued and Mistress Rebecca of the Greyhound was invited to come forth. She announced that the Shire of Northover was holding Art Wars later this month, but had found that it conflicted with several events on the same weekend. They were trying to decide if they would hold the event or cancel, as few had pre-registered at this point. Those who planned to attend their event were asked to talk to her after court.

Baron Alrekr inn svartii, Topaz Signet, announced that a scribal contest was held today. Gentlefolk were recognized and prizes given out. He also announced that a pre-print competition was being planned at Bordermarch Autumn Melees. The text and any illumination notes for two awards for Gleann Abhann and four awards for Ansteorra were being made available, so that scrolls for these could be created and entered for use as pre-prints. Both kingdoms would each choose a champion in the contest.

Olaf Bristlebeard was proclaimed the King's Champion. Duke Radu gave the sword of state to Olaf and promptly fled the hall. John of Widcombe was proclaimed the Queen's Champion. He too was invited to join the entourage at this time. Viscount Sir Eric of Chester had won the tournament. "Doesn't hurt that you are left-handed," said the King. A small token of gratitude was given to the Viscount.

Mistress Jennet of Tewkesbury was summoned. She asked that Leofric of Osprey be called up. At this time she would like to take him as an apprentice. She presented a cup to him to symbolize that which only he could fill with his talent and projects. Leofric had made his own apprentice belt, actually casting the Saxon cross on the tip of the belt and other castings around it.

Mistress Barbara Sterling was now called up. At the Tournament of Champions her gaming license was renewed. Today's guessing game dealt with the fact that in 1510 the Ottoman Turks tunneled under the walls of Vienna and was heard by the bakers baking pretzels that night. Due to their discovery and warning, the town was saved. The bakers were granted arms with pretzels.

"Rey, did you pick 262?" asked Barbara. His Majesty looked excited that he must have won. With a straight face Barbara said, "That's a pity." The crowd erupted into laughter. "So very close. Actually the number was 261." Avon, a girl, was the winner and picked the bag of miniature chocolates. Barbara gave the peanut chocolates to the King, since he looked so forlorn.

Mistress Brigit Olesdottir of Loch Ree, Diamond Principal Herald, now turned over the office to Rory. And she ran away (though not literally).

Viscountess Danielle de la Roche was asked to present her pretty French self to Their Royal Majesties. Danielle was producing the 2013 Gleann Abhann Calendar. She had order forms and would deliver the calendars at Christmas Revel, and mail to those not at the event. Calendars were \$20 and part of the proceeds would go to the Gleann Abhann Social.

At this time Duchess Onóra inghean mhic Catháin and the Order of the Pelicans were called forth. Countess Rhiannon of the Isle described the lineage that Onóra came from. Onóra had joined the SCA when living in the Barony of Osprey. She came from a lineage of Seneschals and Royals.

*First there was Mistress Rebecca of Twywn (OP, 6/26/77) who sprang from Zeus' head. Then came Mistress Ammalynne Starchild Haraldsdottir (OP, 4/21/79). Then came Mistress Antonia Martin de Castilla (OP, 4/3/82) who was not only a Baroness of Hammerhold but also of Axemoor. Then came Countess Gilraen Derilyn (OP, 4/13/85), Countess Rhiannon of the Isles (OP, 4/8/89), Duchess Caroline of Mainwaring (OP, 9/14/96), and finally Countess Lailiane Asenina (OP, 10/6/07). Duchess Onóra inghean mhic Catháin is the eighth generation of this long and regal line of formidable women.*

Duchess Kenna then spoke for the royals. Duke Uther spoke for the Chivalry. He knelt beside Onóra and spoke of inspiration and how she inspired him "to serve this Kingdom and be more than I thought I could be." Viscountess Marion said she had "come to speak for my best friend" and spoke for the Laurels. "There is an art to being graceful, gentle and noble." The medallion was presented by Countess Lailiane, who was her representative to the Pelicans. The scroll was done by Viscountess Marion. Onóra swore fealty and joined the Order.

Mistress Barbara now presented a check for she had sold some list shields with the funds to be divided between the Crown's Fund and another.

Countess Diana, autocrat, announced that 175 folks had come to the event. Feast would be fifteen minutes after court in the feathall. Everyone must be up, packed, and offsite by ten o'clock tomorrow morning. The Rose and Diamond reception and presentation would be in this hall after feast. Loric, feastcrat, was aiming for nine o'clock for dessert would be here in the hall. Three items of lost and found were named. Servers, or those wishing to serve, were asked to see Dex.

At this time everyone was asked to pass to the center of the aisle the two wooden pegs, one red and one black, they had received as site tokens. When all were collected, 850 pegs were now presented to Their Royal Majesties. These would help with the thrones. Each Landed Baron and Baroness were also gifted with a bag of pegs so they would have spares to help with the thrones when Their Royal Majesties' progress took them through the kingdom.

Sir James the Holy, Baron of Grey Niche, now gave a plug for Ork Wars and for Diamond Wars. Baron John of Widcombe, General of the Dreaded Ram Army encouraged all to attend BAM (Bordermarch Autumn Melees) in November.

Queen Miriel now asked that Duchess Broinnfinn take off the herald tabard and come around. Today is Bri and Moose's anniversary. Tomorrow is Bri's birthday. Thanking Her Grace for the fabulous luncheon today that was put together in two weeks, the Queen had Countess Diana come out with a birthday cake. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday". Court was then closed. Their Graces Radu and Broinnfinn ran away to celebrate their anniversary at a local restaurant.

Earl Loric and his kitchen crew prepared a fabulous feast. The first remove was fresh baked bread, cheese, herbed butter, and fruit. The second remove was berry vinaigrette over spring salad and a French onion soup. The third remove was beef meat pies served on trays with cabbage and noodles. The fourth remove was roast pork with horseradish-apple sauce, barley and savory peas. The horseradish-apple sauce definitely had an interesting taste to it. Water, sweet and un-sweet tea were served by the children during the feast. Duke Uther and Duchess Kenna served the high table. This has become a tradition in Gleann Abhann; the Crown that stepped down at Coronation serving the new Crown at feast.

The main chamber of the second hall was arranged for the White Rose and Diamond Presentation and Reception. Chairs were placed along the wall on one side, while tables with the desserts and drinks were along the other. The desserts consisted of bacon pecan pies, pecan pies, and cups of berries in cream. There were pitchers and other containers of water, sweet tea, and un-sweet tea. Flowers were also interspersed on the dessert table. "The Band" led by THL Aleyn Kynyd ap Rhys and THL Ellyn Heath of Hemingford Grey performed live for several of the dances, while recorded minstrels performed for some of the others. Their Majesties' thrones were at the end of the hall with a small arrangement of chairs on each side for the Ladies of the Rose and Diamond.

After feast and before the reception began, Mistress Isolde and Baron Finn gave dance lessons to King Rey and Queen Miriel to prepare them for the Hole in the Wall. Mistress Isolde was in major domo running the reception and seeing to the smooth transition of the dances and the presentations. Maistre Rory, as the new Diamond Herald, was given the job of arranging the procession of the Roses and Diamonds and announcing the presentations. At last

when all were ready, the procession began with the entrance of Her Royal Majesty Miriel escorted by His Royal Majesty Rey. The procession continued with:

Duchess Onóra inghean mhic Catháin escorted by Duke William FitzHugh de Cambria  
Duchess Kenna nic Aherne von Ziemer escorted by Duke Uther von Ziemer  
Countess Lailiane Asenina escorted by her own Pelican-ness  
Countess Diana of the Isles escorted by Count Loric Silvestris  
Countess Ashikaga Kimiko escorted by Count Ashikaga Hiromoto  
Viscountess Danielle de la Roche escorted by Viscount Caillin Mac Leoid  
Viscountess Marion Leoncina da Susa escorted by Lord Gui de Godenak

I think it was THL Melisant le Piryere who handed the flowers to each Lady as they prepared to process. After being announced, the Ladies presented flowers to the Queen and took seats. Once all had been announced, the eight couples formed lines in the middle of the hall and danced the Hole in the Wall. Once they had gone through a few rotations the dance opened up to the populace present to join in via intrigue (aka sharking). There was much laughter and merriment as partners changed, new couples were added, and 'sharks' were defeated.

After the Hole in the Wall Duchess Onóra and many ladies departed for Her Graces' cabin. There they held a private celebration of her elevation to the Pelican.

Many more dances were held along with simply musical performances by "The Band". Between these the presentations were made to Their Majesties. These presentations included gifts from the Barony of Seleone, from Master Finn Normansson, from the Barony of Axemoor, and from Lady Isabel Winterbourne.

And then Mistress Barbara appeared with 'escorts' with a very special presentation. And so the Lollipop Guild came forth and sang, giving giant lollipops and flying monkeys.

European dances and Middle Eastern dances were performed. Solos by singers were performed. The reception lasted till midnight and concluded with "The Band" playing pieces while singers, lead by THL Melisant le Piryere, sight read lyrics never seen before, or not seen put to these particular musical notes and beats. It was truly a lot of fun and a great way to relax at the end of the day.

Gui stayed for the entire reception and got to meet even more of the Seleone members, including Giovanna de Corleone (*the Godmother*), Deborah, Diana, Daphne, Alex, and others.

Sunday morning came too soon. But after breaking fast with Maria Kaldere and Marcel Orillon, loading up the carriage, Gui and Rory were on our way west and north back to Ardanroe. And we were back just in time for fighter practice!



Friday night after 6+ hours to 12+ hours of driving for Gilbert, Marcilla, and Marion



Barbara plays a role in Rey's Coronation



"Let's offer cookies to the Meridian Pelicans!"



"My wife's going to be a Pelican!"



Mistress Crystyna and Mistress Celestine



Duchess Onóra inghean mhic Catháin's vigil with Mistress Marion Leoncina da Susa guarding the door



Important discussion while the tournament is held



Odds are taken and bets made before Master Stephan fights a girl!



I think this was Gui's second bout in the tourney.



"I'm about to be killed by a knight."



“He’s about to be killed by a knight”



Gui’s final bout in the tourney against a Knight! (I think it was Sir Caillin)



## CARRIAGE CHATTER

### **Fall Crown List, Barony of Grey Niche, November 9-11, 2012, AS XLVII**

(Written by Rory ua Riada with assistance from Gui de Godenak and many mechanical scribes)

The Barony of Grey Niche held the sixteenth Crown List the second weekend of November, being the 9<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> at Stinkin' Jim's Horse Park in Houston, Mississippi. Baron Guillermo Berenguer was the autocrat. Mistress Arielle de Brabazon was the feaster.

The site opened at five o'clock Friday afternoon. By the end of the event 159 gentlefolk had physically attended the event. The site token was a pair of silver metal charms, a sword and crown suspended on black thread. Traveler's fare was set out around seven o'clock for those arriving that night. Combatants in Saturday's tournament may have walked the field later that evening, anywhere from nine o'clock to midnight.

Seven members of the Shire of Ardanroe attended the event. Evlaliia Svenevicha, Skallagrímur Bárðarson, Gui de Godenak, Kert Blackleaf, and Kendra Dey came for the full weekend. James in le Breres and Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid stayed off-site and attended for the day. Avice of York and Symon Mac Coynich had planned to attend, but a plague kept them homebound. Rory ua Riada had also planned to attend but a mountain of parchment kept him at home.

Thirteen gentlefolk were accepted to participate as entrants in the tournament. They were Sir James the Holy, Baron of Grey Niche, Count Sir Jon the Tall, Viscount Sir Caillin Mac Leoid, Master Stephan of Durham, Sir Grimbaldus Bacon, Sir Martin von Augsburg, THL Ali al-Badawi al-Maghribi, THL Lorccán hua Conchobair, THL James Cooke Sinistre, THL Inigo de Castille, Lady Fatima al-Naquid, Lady A'she Qilichlu Qari, and Lord Christof D'Wynter.

THL Ali and Lady Fatima were also serving as consorts for each other. For the procession Saturday morning, there would be twelve couples. The procession was arranged in Order of Precedence based on the combined precedence of each couple. Thus if the consort had a higher precedence, the tourney entrant would process sooner.

The couples participating in the tournament in order of precedence for the procession were:

- 1) Baron James the Holy, KSCA, for THL Joan of OOC (he comes first since he's landed nobility)
- 2) Count Jon the Tall, KSCA for Baroness Emma del Trees (determining factor: County)
- 3) Viscount Caillin Mac Leoid, KSCA for Viscount Danielle de la Roche (determined by Viscounty)
- 4) Master Stephan of Durham for THL Ariadne de Ravenna (Senior Bestowed Peer on the list)
- 5) Sir Martin von Augsburg for Mistress Gwyneth Carr (Laurel date)
- 6) Sir Grimbaldus Bacon for Mistress Bethany Bacon (Grimbaldus' Knighting)
- 7) Lady A'she Qilichlu Qari for Baron James en les Breres (Silver Lamp, James)
- 8) THL Ali al-Badawi al-Maghribi for Lady Fatima al-Naquidah (Sable Banner, Ali)
- 9) THL Inigo de Castille for THL Debora of Haleshaven (her naked grant, 2007)
- 10) THL Lorccán hua Conchobair for THL Joanna Alvarez (his naked grant, 2009)
- 11) THL James Cooke Sinistre for THL Avaline la Cheviere (her naked grant, 2010)
- 12) Lord Christof D'Wynter for Lady Broinninn inghean Aindriasa

On Saturday morning the populace breakfast began at seven-thirty inside the hall. The consort's breakfast with the Queen was held at eight o'clock. Baron James known as Beekeeper was the newest lord to attend the consort's breakfast, Master Erik of Telemark having attended at the Spring Crown List in May. Armor inspection was to start at nine o'clock with the tournament beginning at ten. THL Kendra Dey, Kingdom Chatelaine, offered a class, SCA 101, at nine o'clock. Mistress Jane Beaumont, substituting for THL Avice of York, Kingdom Chamberlaine, oversaw a silent auction for kingdom regalia beginning at ten o'clock.

The silent auction as announced by THL Avice in advance of the event stated:



Would you like to own a part of Gleann Abhann History? Our splendid and talented Populace has presented many beautiful items to the Crown and Heirs to the Realm for use as Royal Regalia over the past seasons. At this time there are more beautiful items of Regalia than there is room in the Kingdom trailers for them. So the time has come to part with some of the older regalia to make room. These lovely items will be up for silent auction at the List Field during Crown List this weekend. Mistress Jane Beaumont will be running the silent auction starting at 10am.

Any and all proceeds will be directed back into the Royal Regalia fund and used to maintain the current regalia (including upkeep on the Royal Trailers) and to replace regalia as needed. So please bring your cash and help maintain the Royal Regalia of Our Kingdom in grand style!

Baroness Medb and Baron James conveyed the items for auction from the Avice and Symon's farm in the Shire of Ardanroe to the event.

Sugawara no Naeme was in charge of the set up around the list field for the tournament. She laid out where each day pavilion and day shade would be placed for the tournament entrants, their consorts, and the populace.

THL Ambrielle Llewellyn, Obsidian Herald, with the assistance of Mistress Sarah MacGregor, Order of the March Memory Datafile Girl, created the two precedence lists. These were sent to Master Rory, who in turn sent them to Queen Miriel and THL Iain, carrier birds attempting delivery to Mistress Bethany Bacon having been intercepted by goshawks from the dreaded Kingdom of Ansteorra.

The first precedence list of couples was to be used for the procession Saturday morning. The second precedence list of entrants was to be used for the first round line-up challenges. There being thirteen entrants, a bye fighter would be needed in the first round and possible a few others along the tourney tree.

In May, Evlaliia, Skallagrímr, and Gui (at that time known as Karn) served as the entourage for THL Lorccán hua Conchobair for THL Joanna Alvarez, whom had traveled all alone to the Spring Crown List that the Barony of Small Gray Bear hosted. Here again in November the three served as the only entourage for Lorccán and Joanna. For this Fall Crown List Lorccán and Joanna had made special surcoats for them, each bearing a charge symbolic to their persona. Duke Uther, in whose household Gui was now a member of, proclaimed that Lorccán had marked his servants. But the three had fun as entourage in the procession and assisting the two during the tournament.

Baron James the Beekeeper was the only member of Ardanroe to participate as part of the couples in the tournament. While none from Ardanroe were entrants fighting, James was consort to Lady Aishe' from the Shire of Troll Fen.

Mistress Bethany Bacon, Emerald Herald, had drafted the list tree and composed the cards for the tournament. As she was a consort in the tourney, she asked Master Rory ua Riada, Diamond Principal Herald, whom between Countess Beatrix and THL Nonnie, should be the list minister. So as to avoid bias and favoritism, Nonnie being Master Rory Number One Protégé, he appointed Countess Beatrix, whom Mistress Bethany proceeded to notify.

Countess Beatrix de Montecassino and Baroness Isabella D'Arques, former Emerald Herald, ran the tournament. Olaf Bristlebeard, King Rey's Champion, served as the bye fighter for the first round challenges. Sir Drogo, Deputy Earl Marshal for Authorizations and Count Ashikaga Hiromoto, Kingdom Earl Marshal, led the marshaling followed by Syr Loric Silvestris, Sir John the Bearkiller, and THLady Katil. THLord Iain heralded the entrants in the procession with the sound of a horn, then announced as field herald. Iain was assisted on the field by Lady Skaia from the Shire of Dragoun's Weal.

The first round challenges were set up so that the entrant with the lowest precedence began the challenges. The seven entrants with the lowest precedence challenged any of the first six entrants with the highest precedence. Thus James the Holy, Jon the Tall, Caillin Mac Leoid, Stephan of Durham, Grimbaldus Bacon, and Martin von Augsburg awaited the challenge from Ali, Lorccán, James Cook, Inigo, Fatima, Aishe', and Christof.

Christof challenged Sir James the Holy. Aishe' challenged Sir Martin. Fatima challenged Sir Grimbaldus. Inigo challenged Sir Jon. James Cook challenged Sir Caillin. Lorccán challenged Master Stephan. This left Ali as the odd man out, and he had the first bye fight with the King's Champion Olaf Bristlebeard. The tournament was double-elimination with each bout being best two out of three.

Count Jon the Tall carried the no-loss tree. Sir James the Holy defeated Sir Grimbaldus Bacon in the semi-finals to carry the one-loss tree. Count Sir Jon and Baron Sir James met in the finals. THL Joan of OOC and Baroness Emma del Trees were escorted to watch the finals beside Her Majesty. Jon the Tall defeated James the

Holy to be proclaimed Heir and Prince of Gleann Abhann, claiming for Baroness Emma del Tree the title of Princess.

The finals were viewed by the Chivalry, who formed a circle scattered around the outer edge of the list field. Those present included King Rey, Sir Caillin, Sir Grimbaldus, Sir Leto Darkhorse, Sir John the Bearkiller, Sir Michael of the Mace, Sir Hiromoto, Sir Loric, Sir Martin, Sir Drogo of Axbridge, Sir Geoffrey de Bradelei, Sir Wernherus Rudemann, and Sir Uther von Ziemer, whose arm was in a sling following shoulder surgery after Fall Coronation.

Following the tournament King Rey and Queen Miriel held a royal luncheon with their Heirs. A fundraiser lunch for the general populace was run by the Grey Raven household. The lunch was potato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches for donations. The funds will be split 50/50, half to the kingdom discretionary fund and half to the Barony towards leather for female loaner armor.

After lunch the Order of the Chivalry held a meeting at one-thirty and the Order of the Diamond Chalice held a meeting at two-thirty.

Court was held in the early evening on the field. Gui won the guessing game, being just two numbers below the actual number. He had seen Inigo's name (I think he said) and picked the number above his. Gui says that will be method for future guessing games. Mistress Barbara Sterling's guessing game "dealt with rings and those that would come to the new Prince and Princess." Gui gave away all of the prize, being peanut M&Ms in taxes to Duke Uther (household tax), THL Iain (herald tax), and two lovely ladies (proximity tax).

Reports say that much occurred during court. Archer presented miniature kites bearing Rey and Miriel's personal arms. Gift baskets were presented by The House of Holy to the Crown and the Heirs. Olaf de Bauer from the Shire of Rook's Haven was awarded arms. Lady Myra of the Glen was the recipient of a Grant of Arms as was Lady Fatima al-Naqidah. Mistress Jane was able to announce that the silent auction yielded \$210 from retired items in the Kingdom trailer. The Grey Raven household fundraiser lunch raised \$164 to be split between female fighter loaner gear and the discretionary fund. Prince Jon returned the Banner of Valor that he was awarded at the Spring Crown List. King Rey then presented the banner to THL James Cooke Sinister. The Wreath of Chivalry was presented by the Queen to Sir Martin von Augsburg.

I think it was also announced in court that the Barony of Axemoor would be hosting the Kingdom's Fighter Collegium at King's Arrow Ranch the weekend of February 21-23, 2013.

Feast was held in the hall around seven o'clock. Prior to feast starting the gentlefolk were allowed to be artistic and doodled with chalk on the black paper table coverings. A shield shape image indicated space for each feaster.

Mistress Arielle and her fabulous crew of cooks put on a wondrous feast, some of which was bagged and taken to BAM the following weekend. The first course was smoked pulled pork with a sweet sauce (called Camelyne), bread, spiced apples, and a cheese dish (tentatively to have been either a cheese tart or ravioli). Then there would be mushrooms and bacon on skewers. The second course was to be chicken with currant ginger sauce, barley, cabbage in beef broth (called Pottage), and roasted carrots with oil and vinegar. The third course would be served during the revel on the dessert tables and would include wafers, marzipan, and various comfits and sweets.

At the Spring Crown List in May, THL Lorccán was the recipient of the Wreath of Chivalry. He looked rather like a Father Christmas with this mass of greenery upon his head. As such, he was coerced by someone, probably being THL Joanna, possibly with others helping, to sing Jingle Bells during feast. Well of course, this has continued, for at this Fall Crown List during the feast, Sir Martin, recipient of the Wreath of Chivalry was coerced by THL Joanna to sing Jingle Bells. And so he lead all present in the hall in a rousing chorus of Jingle Bells.

A revel followed feast in the hall along with a dessert table. A lovely subtlety, the arms of the Kingdom, was created to be eaten. It was presented on a decorative white plate and surrounded by rose stems and leaves with red roses at the base.

The "unofficial" Brewers and Vintners Guild provided tavern for the revel. This was coordinated by Baron Liam Devlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> guildmaster of the BVC-guild. Those who contributed drink that they had crafted at home and carted to the event included Lady Isabel Winterbourne of the Shire of Loch Bais with cordials and a gallon of vanilla-spiced methyglynn mead, THL Mateo Lopez of the Shire of Ardanroe for his blueberry melomel mead (Gui did not mention Mateo attending so either he forgot or Mateo's contribution was carted to the event by one of the seven who did attend), meads and cordials by Skallagrímur Bárðarson and Evlaliia Sveneicha from Ardanroe, cordials by THL Adalyde de Sardaigne of the Barony of Axemoor, and five gallons of ale by Sir Leto Darkhorse of the Barony of Grey Niche. The bartenders at the tavern were Sir Leto, THL Evlaliia, and THL Skallagrímur.

On Sunday breakfast was served from seven-thirty to nine o'clock and the site closed at eleven.



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