

ARDANRUNES

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HARKEN YE!

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

September 2 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Duck Pond off King’s Highway (Sunday)
September 3 – Armor Making & More – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliiia’s House (Monday)
September 6 – War Practice – 6:00 p.m. – A.C. Steere Park off of Youree Drive near the tennis courts (parking lot off of Preston); look for soccer field (Thursday)
September 10 – Armor Making & More – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliiia’s House (Monday)
September 12 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
September 16 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Duck Pond off King’s Highway (Sunday)
September 17 – Armor Making & More – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliiia’s House (Monday)
September 20 – War Practice – 6:00 p.m. – A.C. Steere Park off of Youree Drive near the tennis courts (parking lot off of Preston); look for soccer field (Thursday)
September 24 – Armor Making & More – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliiia’s House (Monday)
September 26 – A&S Night – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)

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



THIRD ANNUAL LARGESSE DERBY AT KINGDOM A&S

Good ladies and gentlemen all,

I am pleased beyond measure to announce the Third Annual Largesse Derby, to be held at this year's Kingdom A&S.

Last year, at the Second Annual Largesse Derby, we had a record number of entries, as well as one person who provided five (5) entries. (I stand in awe so have added an extra challenge below.) To reiterate the explanation and rules from last year, let me introduce the Derby as follows:

Have you learned a new skill, or gone back to an old one? Do you find yourself creating lots of small items that are in urgent need of a good home? Do you want to donate largesse to the kingdom so we can expand our reputation as friendly folks? We have just the venue for you!

As a means of enriching the largesse available to our majesties, we are running an A & S largesse donation competition at Kingdom A & S.

Each entry consists of a dozen small items to donate to the Crown. Entries can be created by groups, or by individuals. We encourage you to construct the items around a common theme of your choice. As examples, consider the following entries from last year:

Transport: pouches, wooden boxes, needle and sewing cases

Comfort: handkerchiefs, Gulf War survival kits

Fittings: Buttons, fittings, buckles

Whimsy: Origami, clay sculptures, bookmarks

Crafty: Sewing kits, bookmark weaving kits

The items do not have to be identical, but should be suitable to hand out as largesse. Kingdom colours (red, black, and silver) are particularly suitable.

Best of all, while it would be nice if the items were period-ish, the only required user documentation is a card with your name and what the item is made of: please include one card for each item. (Blank cards will be provided on site.) The use of such modern tools as sewing machines, routers, inkle looms, etc are welcome in your construction.

Voting will be by populace vote. The winner will receive their choice of one item from each set of donations. All other items will be donated to the crown.

THL Eowyn the Weaver

PS: Should any single person surpass Lady Isabel Winterbourne's record number of entries, I will personally weave them a knotwork belt of up to 74 inches, in their choice of colours. Group entries will not count against this total. And in case you're wondering, Lady Isabel managed to donate 5 entries.





2013 KWHSS ANNOUNCED

The 2013 Known World Herald and Scribes Symposium (KWHSS) will be held in the Barony of Bjornsborg in the Kingdom of Ansteorra (San Antonio, Texas) on June 28-30, 2013.



KINGDOM A&S TEAM CHALLENGE

Mistress Rosalind has issued the following challenge for Kingdom A&S. Our Baron James and THL Avic are each looking for members for a team. See the Challenge and talk to them!

Kingdom A&S TEAM CHALLENGE:

Create Teams led by a Veteran Artisan (or non- novice/has entered before) and up to 4 other artisans who have either

1. never entered KA&S before
... or
2. Enter a category that they have never entered before at KA&S.

Each Team member enters one item (for this competition). Team competition will have a winner based on averaged highest Score. Team leader must enter as well.

Other Rules for entering:

1. Must declare your intent
2. Each team puts together a prize 'basket'
3. Winner takes all

Known teams as of APA are Roz's Roughnecks, Dredda's Debutants, and Team String.





FORTNIGHT

The Populace Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at Auld's Library. The meeting opened at 7:13 p.m. and closed at 7:58 p.m. with 18 adults and 1 child present.

Officer Reports:

Herald: Noted that, per College of Heraldry, all eastern devices must be registered as European time period/place.

Historian: Avice has the boxes!

A&S: Please turn in your projects. Next A&S night will be Russian dancing by Karn. Other projects are welcome.

Knight's Marshal: Lots of fighter practices! Every Sunday at the Duck Pond/AC Steer and every Wednesday that is not a meeting at AC Steer.

Chatelaine: Working on more demos and looks at pricing banners (advertising SCA) for the fighter practices.

Chronicler: If you go an event, please send information to the chronicler for inclusive in the newsletter.

Old Business:

Heraldic & Scribal Symposium - 8/25/12:

- TRM are requesting award letters.
- We have a TOC qualifier now!
- Things for SCA yard sale need to be brought to event
- Lunch menu is still TBD base on attendance.

The rotating restaurant idea on meeting nights is working well!

Shire Social - Huge hit. Will schedule another one in October, then possible for the Christmas Party.

New Business:

Winter Wonders will be a German theme with THL Avice and Lord Akimoro as autocrats and THL Kendra as feastocrat. There were several volunteers for the fundraiser luncheons. More details to come. The financial committee thanks all parties for two very strong bids.

The chatelaine suggested that instead of a fighter practice periodically have a tournament/demo - in demo with food. What are the opinions of the Shire? Please feel free to post to the group, send to myself, or have your comments ready at the next populace meeting.

Is there anything I missed?

Notes from the Populace Meeting provided by THL Kendra Dey, Seneschal



TOWN FAIRE

The last Sunday of July, the 29th, was an on-the-spot call for fighter practice at the Duck Pond from two o'clock to four-thirty. Five braved the heat, over 100 degrees. Karn, Drust, Shamus, Alfred, and Skallagrímr put on armor. The fighting was great, but short because it was so hot.

The last armor night of July, the 30th, was held at Skallagrímr & Evlaliia's House. The Harp family was in attendance as they are moving back to Ardanroe.

The Shire fighter practice on the first Sunday of August was not held. Instead Akimoro, Eida, and Karn traveled down to Troll Fen for a big regional practice with 8 – 10 fighters from Wyrmegeist (including Sir Rian) and 6 fighters from Troll Fen. Eida got to do light weapons with both Master Erik and THL Aethan. Karn's birthday was celebrated.

Armor making nights, including sewing of gambesons and other cloth armor parts, was held on the following Mondays in August – 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th at Skallagrímr & Evlaliia's house.

Fighter practice at the A.C. Steere Park was held on Sunday, August 12th from two to five o'clock in the afternoon. Conall, Karn, Helmut, Akimoro, Symon, Drust, Wulf all armored up and took the field. Skallagrímr, Evlaliia, Aine, Rory, Taylor and Garrett, Mateo, Bridok, Michael of the Harp, Jordan, Baby Liam (Harpstring), Medb, James, and several newcomers and park walkers observed. Godric arrived at the conclusion. Some discussion was held on the Scribal and Heraldic Symposium and other heraldry stuff.

War practice was held on Wednesday, August 15, at the A.C. Steere Park off of Youree Drive near the tennis courts at 6:00 p.m. Despite the big gush of rain and potential threat of lightning, at 5:00 pm, by 6:00 pm all was well. As Skallagrímr reports, "it was a great practice, even though there was only four of us. Karn, Tralin, Helmut and I braved the humidity. We had a blast but might need a responsible adult next time, as we were almost unsafe."

The weather was good during the Sunday afternoon fighter practice at the Duck Pond on August 19th. Drust, Alfred, Symon, Karn, Skallagrímr, and Harp armored up. Akimoro showed off his new 'battle fan'. Rory observed. Several people stopped by to ask questions and take photos of their kids surrounded by the armored warriors.

The Shire A&S Night was held Wednesday, August 22nd at Aulds Library. An event meeting was held on one side of the room in preparation of Saturday's Scribal and Heraldic Symposium the Shire was about to host. This was led by Avice, autocrat for the event. Rory, Evlaliia, Kendra, and Joya attended. On the other side of the room Conall mac Riogh taught a class on leatherwork. This class was on how to decorate leather with heated tools, basically wood-burning tools or something similar. This is different from tooling leather with leather tools and a rubber mallet. Conall's class was attended by Aine, Marcella, Gilbert, Skallagrímr, Mateo, Bridie, Symon, Amata, and Jurgis. Baby James was also present to keep everyone on their toes.

Sunday fighter practice, August 26th, the day after Ardanroe hosted the Scribal and Heraldic Symposium saw Harp, Skallagrímr, Gui (formerly known as Karn), Alfred, Drust, Symon and Akimoro suited up to take the field. Drust is now authorized (as of S&HS) along with Conall (also at S&HS). Spectators included the rest of the Harp family and a bunch of on-lookers. Practice was at A.C. Steere Park off of Youree Drive.





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

MUGWORT

The scientific name for mugwort is *artemisia vulgaris*. It is a member of the Compositae family. Venus is its planetary ruler.

While mugwort is native to most of the temperate areas of Europe, it has become naturalized in both North and South America. You can find it growing wild in grassy desert and prairies. Once it has become established in the ditches and roadsides, mowing doesn't appear to deter it at all.

Mugwort prefer dull sunlight in well-drained soil though the quality of soil can vary from average to poor. The small seeds, which resemble sticks, are best started inside. Once established in the garden, you can divide them either in the spring or fall. To harvest mugwort, cut the plants to within 4 inches of the ground just before they flower, which should be in the summer months. After drying the leaves, store them in an airtight container.

Larger than other artemisias, mugwort is considered to be more ornamental than its cousins. Depending on species of mugwort, it can grow to 6 feet. The flowers are on long, terminal spikes and vary in color from a greenish yellow to a brownish red. Its purplish stem is grooved and hairy. The leaves are deeply cut but smooth. The top side is dark green while the underside is a light gray-green. There leaves has a sage scent to them and are wooly underneath.

It is cousin to wormwood and, though much less dangerous, care should be used. Medical uses are best supervised by professional.

China uses mugwort in the healing technique of moxibustion. The herb is burnt with acupuncture needles as seen in the Steven Segal movie, *Hard To Kill*. This technique was brought back to Europe by Portuguese sailors in the 1830s where it was used to treat a wide variety of ailments including blindness. When mixed with chamomile and agrimony, mugwort baths are used to treat joint and muscle aches.

Historically mugwort has been used as a seasoning with fatty meats such as roast goose. Other culinary uses are with eel, in pickles, pan gravy, salads, and sauerbraten.

During the Middle Ages on St. John's Eve, one would wear a mugwort crown as protection against evil possession. It was also used in amulets to protect from the evil eye. The Chinese would ward off evil spirits by hanging mugwort during the time of the Dragon Festival, which is the 5th day of the 5th moon. Europeans would include mugwort among the herb they used to stuff dream pillows. It is an interesting addition to the garden especially with lavender, carnations, and dark green plants. Mugwort leaves have been used to repel moths while burning them can be an effective mosquito repellent.

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CARRIAGE CHATTER

We are pleased to present this month the tale of the Academy of Performing Art written by Mistress Barbara Sterling, Kingdom Historian. I know several events, including this one, have local recorders eager to tell their stories about what they have seen in July and August, and especially what it is like to have attended their first event, first court, and first locally run event, once they find time to sit a spell. – Rory, Chronicler of Ardanroe

APA, Shire of Iron Ox, July 28, 2012, AS XLVII

(Written by Mistress Barbara Sterling)

Academy of Performing Arts 8/28/12 with Lord Godfrey Barlowe, Autocrat was again hosted by the Shire of IronOx at Cabot Lodge, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS. Not just those from Axemoor but many arrived with the knowledge that a New Orleans icon, the company which had fed New Orleanians since the 1920s and had come back from the floodwaters of Hurricane Katrina was destroyed in a fire early Friday July 27, 2012. Hubig's Pies, the humble little sugar-glazed fried pies, did not necessarily appeal to a sophisticated outsider's palate but were called by locals a part of the city's soul. Saving the wrapper for its historic value, one of the last pies on a New Orleans area store shelf was my breakfast as I arrived onsite Saturday morning. The Media Officer had given notice that a film crew for a PBS/MPB television show had been given permission to film our activities this day. Would a star be made?

With troll paperwork complete and a purple paper bracelet in lieu of an event token I found the lobby filled with a portion of the 154 that would attend. Because this was an unexpected attendance, I was in loaner garb with no event notes or class schedule. As if she could read my thoughts, Lady Isabel Winterbourne offered her schedule to me. Funny, I had not seen the word Surprise on one specific blue block of time on the schedule when it was copied many days before as History notes. Its meaning would soon be revealed as Mistress Brigit opened court for Uther and Kenna, König und Königin of Gleann Abhann, with Her Royal Highness Miriel present. Uther moved through the room as He spoke to several Gleann Abhann peers. There were words of great honor and appreciation spoken as the King took the hand of Countess Morgana, Mistress Roz and then Mistress Arielle. Then taking the hand of Baroness Martha Effingham of Stewarts Keep He announced her elevation to the Order of the Laurel and as court closed she was escorted to a place of vigil. There her belt sister THLady Avice of York, Countess Morgana and Baronessa Brigida Ingvarsdottir offered many tasty creations to those who came to congratulate the candidate.

Class tracts of European and Middle Eastern dance, Bardic, Medieval Gaming, Theatre and Documentation Review and meetings of the Order of the Laurel, Silver Lamp and Diamond Chalice took place. We were treated to a lunch of barbeque sandwich, slaw, a sweet and beverage thanks to Ariadne, Stephan and friends. Many of those lunches were taken outside in preparation for the next in the series of fighting challenges. With Sir Drogo as HRM's second, Master Stephan opened court and the challenger called forth. Karn Skallagrimson, now authorized just over a year, came forward with his second, Skallagrim Batharson, read his challenge statement and with Royal words received, made ready. The first round of three weapons styles began with sword and shield, next two swords and finally Godenak (the Medieval Chopper). Each was the best two out of three. During this final round Karn caught a blow that knocked the breath from him. Falling to his knees and hands there was initial concern but after a short break Karn was ready to complete the challenge trading blows with this far more experienced fighter. And Karn was commended for his achievement with a special coin to symbolize the challenge.

Thanks to instructors, including but are not limited to: Eowyn de Weaver, Giata Magdalena Alberti, Sugaware Naome, James ens les Breres, Mathew Lancaster Fiona MacLachlan, Sara de Warren, Sorcha, Vashti, Juan Carlos, Drogo of Axebridge, TRM Uther & Kenna, Iain O'Donnell, Aylwin Watkins, Jadi Fatima, Rory au Riada and from Meridies Katrina of Iron Mountain and Lady Fleur.

When it came time for court thanks were given for the activities of the day. Those who had not yet sworn fealty and wished to do so were called to the thrones. With the sword of state at the ready Their Majesties, Her Highness and young Peter, clad in gold lamellar and red squire's belt, administered fealty. Newcomers attending their first event were acknowledged. Hassan al-Khalil who holds the office of Webminister acknowledged a new, faster website was underway. To Hassan was an AoA given. Speaking of the upcoming Kingdom A&S, Roz's Rednecks, the team of Mistress Roz, Giata, Nicholas and Broinninn, reservationist of this event, challenged and encouraged others to participate at A&S. One of this team was Giata Magdalena Alberti, who was spoken of as receiving the highest overall score at the last Kingdom A&S. With that noticed, she was added to the Order of the Silver Ram. Eowen de Weaver spoke of this year's Largess derby at A&S. Lady Isabel Winterbourne was acknowledged for her over the top contribution of not 12 items as was standard, but five times that, 60 items of largess. The Order of the Silver Lamp sought court time to bring in a new member, Melisande le Piryere. In seeming disbelief Melisande received an impressive scroll by Jorhildr (Blackwood) and hugs from many members of the order. Bearing additional individual gifts from various Pelicans and his golden ticket scroll, Master Erik of Telemark and the Pelicans present asked to acknowledge Sir Caedmon of Jorvik, victor of their ToC qualifier at Candlelight Camp. Karn Skallegrim was again acknowledged for his courage and honor during the King's Challenge. With 18 or more members of The Diamond Chalice present THLord Wolfram Forester was welcomed to the order. Cormac the Bald spoke of his recent kidnapping but quick release when he sing "The Sounds of Silence". He reminded us that Grey Niche is expecting a Zombie invasion, The ZombOrealpyse, 10/20/2012 and all are encouraged to attend.

The time for the elevation of Martha Stewart of Effingham Keep to the Order of the Laurel had come. THLord Egil Harroldson escorted his radiant wife into court. Many would speak for her talents and there would be responses. Mistress Arielle de Brabazon, Mistress Rosalind bint Mihrimah - Roz, Mistress Rebecca with the Greyhounds, Mistress Sarita Vashti al Coya and Mistress Alysia Gabrielle de Fougeres had special words. Other Laurels standing were Finn Normanson, Isolde die Grau aus dem Lebendhertz, Amelia van Hemessen, Gwyneth Carr, Crystyna Hyrundo, Dametta of Arundel, Erik of Telemark, Brigit Olesdottir of Loch Ree, court herald, Her Majesty Kenna, Edwina Dirks Stern of Ansteorra and Katrina of Iron Mountain, Meridies. Likely Etheldred NicEoghainn (Dredda) had departed.

It was Sir Loric who spoke as a representative of the Chivalry, mentioning Martha's fortitude while being Baroness with Charles de Bourbon OL. A royal peer, a Rose, Countess Morgana referred to Martha as the most gentle heart of the Kingdom. Geller and Brigida, the current Baron and Baroness of Axemoor spoke as the Populace. Who would have thought it would be Gellis who would bring tears to our eyes? Next THLady Avice of York asked to speak for her belt sister. Her words could not have been more eloquent. And Mistress Jennet of Tewkesbury could have not been more proud of both of them. Asked once, twice and for the third time; yes, it was her desire to be made a Laurel. Amelia, the kingdom's youngest Laurel passed to Her Majesty Kenna a wreath of delicate brass leaves. It was finished with jewels and featured dragonflies, a major charge of Martha's device. It was placed by Queen Kenna. Then a diminutive silver laurel wreath on a pearl necklace from Jennet was placed by His Majesty. With a pause and a big breath, Martha asked to pledge fealty. The lovely scroll was by Sir Leto.

As the last item of court business Giacomo Falcone was called forward. His Majesty said it had been brought to His attention by certain people that today was Giacomo's birthday. And a presentation was made of a Pirate Ship birthday cake and a bottle of Pirate endorsed beverage from a good friend.

Thrones were rearranged to make ready for the Sixth Annual APA Variety Show. This year there was a special Shakespeare Challenge and these were the RULES! Performances can be no longer than 5 minutes. It could be a sonnet either period or of your own hand in Shakespearian form, any music from the time of Shakespeare, a dance from his time or excerpts from any of his plays or the plays of his contemporaries. A brief introduction was to be included to inform the audience of the piece being performed. Open to solos, duets, trios, quartets, even large groups. As performances would be judged by populace vote, a bead for voting was given to each member of the audience. The Variety Show had also been chosen by Their Majesties as the venue for the Kingdom Bard and Poet Competition both Orders of Royal Service.

The first entry was the Gleann Abhann Choir. Thirteen members strong this day, they entered singing as they presented three Shakespearean entries. Next presentation was an Andalusia dance with scarf and fans by Mistress Isolde. THLady Christine Forester (Troll Fen) had placed her name as entrant in the competition for Kingdom Bard, one willing to travel to events furnishing bardic entertainment at Their Majesties request. Christine explained the 13th Century song which could be considered one of the top 40 tavern songs of the time. It was a precursor of modern French and constants are pronounced. Her second song was from the 16 hundreds referring to Paris France as perfect. The further from Paris you go, the more degenerate it is. Lady Sorcha and Lord Shamus preformed a famous murder seduction scene which greatly pleased our King. Baron Cucullin the Bald (Small Gray Bear) offered a Shakespearean entry. From Meridies an impromptu lute solo was the music for a Persian Dance. Eowyn de Weaver told not of Three Ravens as Shakespeare, but instead Three Weavers. THLord Juan Carlos presented the St. Crispin's Day speech from Henry V. Three Shakespearean selections were entered by THLord Wulfram Forester for the competition. The last was Puck's final speech from Mid Summer Nights Dream. The story of Jonah in Old English was wonderfully presented by the Meridian Bard Lady Fleur. The last presentation was from Mistress Katrina of Iron Mountain who offered the vivid story of Beowulf.

Beads were now cast as votes on the Shakespeare competition. Court was reopened so that Their Majesties could name Christine Forester Gleann Abhann Bard and CuCullin the Bald Poet Laureate also willing to provide entertainment at Their Majesties' request for this reign. In the Shakespeare competition Wulfram was named winner with CuCullin placing second. Sorcha and Shamus placed third with Juan Carlos number four. The choir claimed fifth place with Eowyn as six. Not prepared for the number of entrants all except the choir received a unique prize.

As I departed the hotel a Masked Ball, Hafla, Bardic Circle or an evening swim were each being considered. So glad to have attended Academy for Performing Arts 2012 were Miguel Neves dos Lesbon and Christof D'Wynter served as Deputy Autocrats. I felt very fortunate to have a friend to off shelter where I spent the night, then to head out early Sunday for the long trip home. This was prior to the 9am regional fighter practice at Jamie Fowler Boyle Park, (just a short sprint from Cabot Lodge).

Mistress Barbara Sterling



CARRIAGE CHATTER

GA Scribal & Heraldic Symposium, Shire of Ardanroe, August 25, 2012, AS XLVII

(Written by Baron Rory ua Riada)

Courage, strength, and valor
Are qualities of a champion
You, Lorccán hua Conchobair
Have displayed these attributes
Upon the field of combat today
And are proclaimed the
Shire Defender of Ardanroe
This 25th day of August AS XLVII.

Be it known far and wide that
Lorccán hua Conchobair
has won a golden ticket to enter
the Tournament of Champions IV
by their prowess upon the field of combat
at the Scribal and Heraldic Symposium
hosted by the Shire of Ardanroe
this 25th day of August AS XLVII.

Swift, cunning, and agile
Are qualities of a swordsman
You, Lorccán hua Conchobair
Have displayed these attributes
Upon the field of combat today
And are proclaimed the
Shire Rapier Champion of Ardanroe
This 25th day of August AS XLVII.



The Gleann Abhann Scribal and Heraldic Symposium was held the last Saturday of August, being the 25th in 2012 being A.S. XLVII. The event was hosted by the Shire of Ardanroe at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center at 4000 Industrial Drive just off Interstate-20 in Bossier City, Louisiana. The autocrat was THLady Avice of York. The co-autocrat was Maistre Rory ua Riada. THLady Kendra Dey was in charge of lunch. Mistress Brigit Olesdottir, Diamond Principal Herald of Gleann Abhann, was the class coordinator. Baron Alrekr inn svarti, Topaz Signet or Topaz Herald, assisted Mistress Brigit in arranging the scribal classes.

On Saturday morning the event began with the opening of the Symposium rooms in the Conference Center portion of the Ramada Inn and the set up of the registration table, dubbed 'troll'. This occurred at seven o'clock. Coffee, donuts, and other easy breakfast items were laid out on a table in the atrium of the Conference Center. Those staying at the Ramada had access to a continental breakfast, but everyone attending the Symposium had access to the food and drink brought in by the Shire.

The Shire's trailer was brought to the site so that any supplies and equipment needed for the breakfast, lunch, tournament, and any unknowns could be readily accessed. The troll table contained copies of a schedule of the day's activities made by THLady Avice for all attendees to take. Name badges were the site token. Instructors had special badges as they would have lunch for free. The sideboard in the atrium contained little bags of goodies as gifts for each instructor. These were put together by THLady Avice. A boxed minstrel also sat upon the sideboard and softly played atmospheric tunes.

To the left of the troll table was a flip chart on an easel to serve as a message board. Black sharpies were on the top to write updates and announcements. Also along the west wall were tables for the Ardanroe yard sale. Avalina di Pozzuoli was in charge of it during the day. This sale was to benefit the Shire's gold key and raise money to purchase loaner gear for rapier fighting. The Ardanroe yard sale was held from roughly nine o'clock to four o'clock.

From the atrium there were four outer doors along the south wall to the parking lot, restrooms along the west wall along with the corridor to lead back to the hotel proper; the tables for breakfast and lunch buffets set here; the Magnolia Room to the east, and the Louisiana, Texas, and Arkansas Rooms to the north. These three rooms formed one huge room, which could be split into the three room with moving walls. Sadly the moving walls had been damaged at a wedding reception and so this was one huge room. But being one huge room, tables and chairs could be set up so that three rooms could be formed. A whiteboard on an easel denoted that the Arkansas Room was to the east (right), Louisiana room to the west (left), and Texas Room straight back (north).

The Texas Room was set up in classroom style with rectangular tables. The Arkansas and Louisiana Rooms were set up in reception style with round tables. The Magnolia Room was also set up in classroom style with rectangular tables. The north wall of the Magnolia Room had a screen for projecting on. While the screen was not used, remaining rolled up above, the wall was very good for the projecting of PowerPoint presentations and websites. The Magnolia Room was straight heraldry classes. The Texas Room was hands-on scribal classes. The Louisiana Room was a mix of miscellaneous hands-on or artistic heraldry classes. The Arkansas Room was a mix of scribal and heraldic classes.

At nine o'clock the activities of the day began. There would be a one-hour break at one o'clock for lunch. Activities would resume at two o'clock and conclude at five o'clock with court held at Their Royal Majesties pleasure thereafter. The event would end at the conclusion of court. Dinner that night was on your own, but suggestions of restaurants were available from the local members.

The Magnolia Room had four one-hour classes before lunch. Then during lunch there would be a roundtable. After lunch there would be one more one-hour class. A two-hour class would conclude activities in the Magnolia Room. The morning classes were Introduction to Designing Armory by Emma, Wreath Sovereign of Arms; Origin & Evolution of Heraldry by Bran Finn hua Neill; Heraldry in clothing by Skallagrímur Bárðarson; Overview of the new Standards for Evaluation (SENA) by Emma, Wreath Sovereign of Arms. The lunch roundtable was Roundtable—Submissions & the Herald's office by Judith Wilkinson & Brigit Olesdottir. The afternoon classes were Court Heraldry by HRM Uther; Basis & Basics of Conflict Checking Armory by Emma, Wreath Sovereign of Arms.

I was able to attend parts of SENA, the roundtable, and Conflict Checking classes. These were all well attended with up to a dozen or more gentlefolk at each class. All of these classes were helpful for the new local heralds, as Ardanroe's new local herald mentioned throughout the day the better understanding she now had of the office and of the name and armory process. In fact one brand new member (this was his third event in two months since first attending a meeting in June) was helped by Emma, Wreath SoA, at the conclusion of the last class in design ideas and Armorial conflict checking to come away with some solid options for his device.

The classroom style tables for the Texas Room were covered with paper from a roll brought by THLady Kendra. This would protect them during the hands-on scribal classes. The first class that morning was two-hours; the

second one-hour though could go two hours if desired. Then the break for lunch was held. The afternoon classes were one-hour and two-hour in length respectively. These classes were Introduction to Calligraphy & Illumination by Alrekr inn Svarti, Auriana Ravenstein, and Mistress Jane Beaumont; Early Period Calligraphy: Intro to Celtic Roundhand by Esperanza de Navarra; Introduction to SCA Scroll-Making by Esperanza de Navarra; Judging Calligraphy and Illumination at A&S Fairs by Mistress Jennet of Tewkesbury & Mistress Arielle de Brabazon.

Because the Texas Room was effectively the entire north wall of huge room, only a third of it was actually used for classes, though table set up filled two-thirds of the space. The middle third of the room which contained rectangular tables was used for other scribal activities, such as informal meetings and the work on scrolls for the day's activities, or perhaps also for court. Lady Bridie and her daughter spent much of the day working on two scrolls – one for the 'golden ticket' to the Tournament of Champions IV and one for the Shire Rapier Champion. The Shire Defender scroll had been made earlier that week by Rory.

The Arkansas Room had four round tables each seating eight people. For each of the classes usually only one table was used. The first two classes in the morning were each one and a half hour long with the third and final class before lunch being one hour. The three afternoon classes were each one-hour in length. These classes were Gilt & Gilding by Sir Leto Darkhorse; Period Pigments by Sir Leto Darkhorse; Household Names in the SCA by Magnus von Lübeck; German Names by Magnus von Lübeck; Everyday Heraldic Display by Bran Finn hua Neill; Asian Names - An Introduction by Magnus von Lübeck.

Sir Leto's classes had attendees. Magnus' classes varied. The Household Names class had no one; however, Magnus said this varies each time it is offered. Sometimes he has had whole households come to find out how to create a household name that can be registered. He mentioned once having twenty-four people at it representing two households. Kert, our new member for whom this was his third event in two months, took advantage of the German Names class to get assistance in crafting a German name that an early Crusader might have. Several resource documents that Magnus has will have to be translated later and sent to Kert. But the basis of the desired name can be documented. Several people were gathering for Bran's class at the conclusion of German Names. I do not know if or how many attended Asian Names, though we have many in Gleann Abhann that this class might have helped.

The Louisiana Room, also set up with four or five round tables, tended to have one or two tables with class attendees. The first morning class was two hours; the second and third classes each being one hour. After the one hour lunch break the two afternoon classes were each two-hours in length. These were Heraldry in Feasting (An overview of how heraldry was used in period to amuse and delight noble diners; emphasis on European cultures and traditions.) by Avice of York; Medieval Horse Barding (Come see how knights and nobles displayed their heraldry on their horses.) by Melisant of Exmoor; Intro to appliqué by Skallagrímur Bárðarson; Bannermaking (Banners: shape, design, layout, various technique and mysterious knowledge. If you are not graceful wear old clothes.) by James ens le Breres; Critters in Heraldry (a class in translation and understanding for the non herald on facing and position of common heraldic animals. Crayons will be provided for notes.) by James ens le Breres.

The final class held at the Symposium was actually held outside at nine o'clock in the morning at the list field. This was Voice Heraldry (Topics include wake-up, site and tournament heraldry) by Iain O'Donnell. Rory, Kert, and Akimoro attended this class in full or partial; Akimoro having to go handle armor inspections. The list field was set up on the green in front of the Ramada Inn, which was on the west side of the hotel complex. Popeye's chicken and a few other restaurants were between it and the Industrial Drive. The Conference Center of the hotel was on the east side of the complex. Parking at the hotel complex was along the west and south sides.

Around half past ten Their Royal Majesties Uther and Kenna were ready for the King's Challenge. THLord Iain O'Donnell opened court upon the field for the challenge. Adam Goodwine was the challenger. Paul the Small was his second. Karn Skallagrímurson was given the honor that morning of being the King's second. A lovely scroll containing the text of the challenge done by Adam's wife, Esperanza de Navarre, was presented by Paul to Karn to His Majesty. The challenge consisted of three rounds, two out of three in each, starting with sword and shield, then Florentine, and ending with the godenak. His Majesty was victorious in all three weapon styles; however, Adam was able to defeat His Majesty in the second bout of three using the godenak. His Majesty was very impressed. After much thanks and words of strength and honor court was closed. Kert graciously took photos of the challenge for Esperanza with her camera, it being too "high-tech" for Rory.



Prior to the challenge, Akimoro was able to present a list of the entrants for the Shire Defender Tourney. There were twelve names. A few of those named were not yet present, one being in class – Alrekr, but to come directly after he finished his part of that three-instructor calligraphy and illumination class. Another not yet present was Sir Grimbalduis, who arrived during or just after the challenge.

It had been learned earlier that week that of the many traveling list ministers that Gleann Abhann has, none would be coming to the event, and if any were, who were experienced in the ways of the list, they would be in classes that morning. So Rory took one for the team. Rory created the “How to Run a List Table when you have not done one in a Bazillion Years” hands-on during the list class, and taught Kert, who stepped up to begin training as a list minister. It was a good tournament to train from, having twelve entrants, which meant there would be a bye fighter at some point in time.

With paper, old art supply backboard (type with the two clamps along one side and a handle on another side), ruler, pencils, index cards, pens, tabard, chair, and deck of cards (just in case), the list table (table coming from the Shire trailer and extra chairs from the hotel’s conference center) was ready. The weather was overcast with a lot of grays and clouds, so Their Majesties had left the thrones inside and opted to return inside after the King’s

Challenge. Her Majesty graciously pulled the cards to create the order of the bouts for the first round of the Shire Defender Tournament. Again, Kert was sent with the cards to ask Her Majesty if she would do this.

The entrants in the tournament in order of their first round match-ups were THL Mateo Lopez, Lord Conall mac Riogh, Gui de Godenak, THL Lorccán hua Conchobair, THL Prior Gilbert des Moulins, THL Symon MacCoynich, THL Paul the Small, Swete, Drust map Cirig, Lord Alfred Marteinson, Baron Alrekr inn svarti, and Sir Grimbaldus Bacon.

Prior to the tourney there were a couple of authorizations. Drust was authorized as a fighter. Conall was reauthorized as a fighter. Prior to the tourney a name was changed. With the conclusion of the King's Challenge and creation of the index cards with the fighter's names upon them, King Uther proclaimed that Karn was no longer to be known as Karn. His name would now be Gui de Godenak, a French-German name to forever memorialize his challenge with the King using the godenak.

Akimoro was the marshal for the tournament. Iain O'Donnell was the field herald, spelled during the tourney by Jam Recarediz. Rory and Kert ran the list table. This was a standard double-elimination tourney with best two out of three in the final bout. Two water jugs were set up by Akimoro with water and gator-aid. Cups were provided from the Shire trailer. THL Marcella, royal liaison, also made sure that everyone was drinking before returning inside with Their Majesties.



Mateo				
Conall	Conall			
Karn (Gui)	Lorccán	Lorccán	Lorccán	Lorccán
Lorccán		(Bye) Mateo		
Gilbert				
Symon	Gilbert			
Paul	Paul	Paul	Paul	
Swete		Drust		
Drust				
Alfred	Drust			
Alrekr	Alrekr			
Grimbaldus				

In the first round Conall defeated Mateo. Lorccán defeated Gui (aka Karn). Gilbert defeated Symon. Paul defeated Swete. Drust defeated Alfred. Alrekr defeated Grimbaldus. In the second round Gui (aka Karn) defeated Mateo. Swete defeated Symon. Grimbaldus defeated Alfred. Lorccán defeated Conall. Paul defeated Gilbert. Drust defeated Alrekr. In the third round Alrekr defeated Gui (aka Karn). Swete defeated Conall. Grimbaldus defeated Gilbert. Lorccán had a bye fight with Mateo as the bye fighter. Paul defeated Drust. In the fourth round Swete defeated Alrekr and Grimbaldus defeated Drust. Lorccán defeated Paul to carry the “no-loss” tree. In the fifth round Grimbaldus defeated Swete. In the sixth round Paul defeated Grimbaldus to carry the “one-loss” tree.

Mateo	Karn (Gui)				
Karn (Gui)	Alrekr	Alrekr			
		Swete	Swete		
Symon	Swete			Grimbaldus	
Swete	Conall			Paul	Paul
Alfred	Grimbaldus	Grimbaldus	Grimbaldus		
Grimbaldus	Gilbert	Drust			

The finals were between THL Lorccán hua Conchobair and THL Paul the Small in best two out of three. Lorccán won the first. Paul won the second. Lorccán won the third to win the tournament and become the Shire of Ardanroe’s Shire Defender. As there were exactly twelve entrants this tournament counted as a ‘golden ticket’ to the Tournament of Champions IV and THL Lorccán would receive a ‘golden ticket’. After the tourney pick-up fights were held on the field. When one o’clock came for lunch, the list field had been broken down, armor packed, and all remaining items ready to be loaded back into vehicles or taken into the Conference Center.

Lunch was a fundraiser to benefit the Kingdom and again the Shire’s gold key and loaner gear for rapier fighting. Lunch was three dollars (\$3) per person and included an assortment of fried chicken, baked beans, pasta salad, banana pudding, pound cake with strawberries, and fig cookies. Tea and water was available to drink along with a large cooler full of ice. Avice made the desserts. The fig cookies were from the recipe used for one of the desserts during Mistress Martha’s vigil at APA. Joya, after ‘closing’ troll at noon, zipped over to Albertson’s to pick up the chicken. Kendra oversaw the setting up of lunch, preparation of the foods, and serving of the dishes. Joya took charge of the fundraising collection.

The rapier tourney was held after lunch at two o’clock inside in the corridor connecting the Conference Center via the atrium to the hotel proper. Master Erik of Telemark was the rapier marshal. Six gentlefolk entered the tourney, which was run as a round robin. The six participants were Thomas Wilkinson, Lorccán hua Conchobair, Paul the Small, Erik of Telemark, Swete, and Chance. From the round robin Lorccán and Swete tied with four wins each, while Thomas and Paul had two wins each. Lorccán and Swete faced off to determine the winner, and Swete was defeated. THL Lorccán also became the Shire of Ardanroe’s Shire Rapier Champion.

The thrones had been set up inside the huge room that formed the Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas Rooms. Court was held here after five o’clock. Gui de Godenak was the court herald, having attending His Majesty’s Court Heraldry class and volunteered in a class exercise. Mistress Brigit, THL Emma del Trees (Royal Chancellor), and THL Lorccán served as entourage; Lorccán carrying the sword of state, and Brigit aiding Gui as herald. Upon entering, the Queen sat on the King’s right. Their Royal Majesties Uther and Kenna thanked everyone for coming,

the Shire for hosting, and being thrilled to have an ‘off’ event where they did not have to ‘do’ things all day (ie meetings, meetings, meetings, other court/kingdom stuff). They were able to relax and enjoy the event; however, King Uther did have his challenge and one class.

The call was made for those wishing to swear the Oath of Fealty to come forth. Brigit read the oath as Gui joined the crowd to take the oath. The children of Gleann Abhann were summoned and there were roughly nine kids from two years of age to ten or tween-ish. The children were asked what they did today. Some jumped on beds. Others used crayons and drew pictures. All had fun. They all then received gifts.

The next call was for anyone attending their first event today. Guðrún Einarsdóttir escorted up Dave. Dave was another brand new member who had come out earlier in the month to see fighter practice. Guðrún knelt and Dave walked forward. “Hello,” said King Uther. “Hello,” said Dave. Everyone laughed. The King told the story and Dave was presented with a token, not the coin that spins to show the ram and laurel wreath, but a jeweled fibulae-type object.

Avalina di Pozzuoli was then summoned. She was escorted by Ebrahim al-Jabal{i-}. Avalina immediately fell upon her knees and wrung her hands proclaiming she was but a poor peasant woman and begged for mercy. King Uther had many great words to say about her service and ended with, “you are no longer a poor peasant woman. You are a Lady.” Avalina received an Award of Arms to much applause.



Mistress Jane Beaumont was summoned. She took Lady Fronicka as a protégé. Many people warned the young woman to run, but alas, she accepted the yellow belt and tied it around her waist.

Evlaliia Sveneicha called Jera was then summoned. She was escorted by Skallagrímr Bárðarson. Their Majesties spoke of the words about her artistic efforts and “for all those things you do with ‘string’.” Evlaliia received the Order of the Silver Ram.

Mistress Brigit was then called forth and had business as the Diamond Principal Herald. She informed the populace that she was being allowed by the Crown to step down as Diamond Herald, and Rory was her replacement. Also that Emma del Tree was the new Amethyst. Both waved to the populace. Brigit also thanked the Shire of Ardanroe for hosting the Scribal and Heraldic Symposium. She thanked the teachers, especially naming Magnus von Lübeck and Emma, Wreath Sovereign of Arms, for coming. Both of these gentles were from out of Kingdom; Magnus living in Meridies between the Barony of Osprey and the Barony of Seleone; Emma living in Ansteorra. Magnus was originally from Ansteorra, having lived in the Barony of Raven’s Fort.

Countess Muirgen of the Mists was escorted forth by Baron Ifor. The King stated that so much was known of her service that often overlooked was the artistry she did, especially in scrolls. For her talents she received the Order of the Silver Ram. The scroll presented to her was illuminated by her husband, Ifor.



Gui de Godenak (Karn) was summoned. Brigit took over as court herald. His Majesty stated that Karn Skallagrímsson will forever now be known as Gui de Godenak. But Gui has business with Her Majesty. That is truly why he was summoned. Gui presented a gift to Her Majesty in appreciation of the bottle of water she gave to him after he took the blow to the ribs of the godenak from the King at APA, July 28th. Gui presented a 'nice bag' as the Queen said (I think Evlaliia had made the bag), which contained a large bottle of soda water shaped such that from a distance it appeared to be a bottle of some clear alcoholic beverage. Her Majesty graciously accepted the bottle of water.

But the King had yet more business with Gui, so Gui must stay. Gui has done more upon the fighting field than just at APA, before APA indeed. And so the members of the Combatant Ram were asked to stand and Gui joined their Order. But a man cannot be so honored and then prohibited from bearing a weapon the presence of the Crown. And so Gui de Godenak received an Award of Arms. His Majesty noted that both scrolls said Gui de Godenak, so that is now truly and forever Karn's new name. Perhaps Karn will be the alias. Karn received a big hug from his dad, Skallagrím, before going back behind the thrones to continue as court herald.



Bridie O Sullivan was summoned and was escorted by Mateo Lopez. For her artistry with scrolls and other activities she received the Order of the Silver Ram. Esperanza de Navarre was then escorted by Adam Goodwine. Her Majesty spoke of the dress Esperanza was wearing which she had documented and chronicled the making with a lot of hand-sewing of multiple gores to form. For her artistry in this and other activities Esperanza received the Order of the Silver Ram.

Avice of York, autocrat, was escorted by Symon MacCoynich. She announced that 84 people were here today. The fundraiser lunch and Ardanroe yard sale were a success. And somebody did so well today fighting that he not only won our Shire Defender and 'golden ticket', but also our rapier champion tourney. Three scrolls! Lorccán hua Conchobair was called up and received all three scrolls. He in turn thanked the populace for the hospitality. He had a wonderful time, regretting not attending many classes since he fought all day. Avice thanked everyone for coming and announced that after court the hotel management would clean up, so the tables and chairs did not need to be moved. Their Majesties would need help with the taking down of the thrones and loading of their vehicle. Anyone having dinner questions about restaurants could ask anyone from Ardanroe for our favorites.

Jorhildr of Blackwood was summoned and escorted by Gaus Aurelius Magnus. Her Majesty declared, "no Silver Ram because you already have it." However, Their Majesties spoke of service to Shire, Kingdom, and the scribal community; organization skills and stepping in to help when another's life got very busy. Jorhildr received the Order of the Onyx Chalice.



King Uther now spoke of epic moments and the list field that is a place of purity. Adam Goodwine was summoned and acknowledged the King's Challenge today. Adam received one of the King's coins, minted by Master Frederick Alton, the cast having been destroyed and coins remaining at the end of Uther and Kenna's reign to be melted down. Thus this was a rare gift, unique to their reign.

The call for any further business was made. Countess Muirgen rose and spoke about the bravery of Gui/Karn as a first time herald to do court. She said a lot about court heralds and volunteering and the assistance they gave the Crown. She thanked Gui for the wonderful job he did as court herald (yes, he messed up some names, had difficulty reading some scrolls, but he did it).

After much cheering, there being no further business, court was closed. It was after six o'clock, and by the time everything was packed, picked up, claimed, and moved out of the Conference Center and into vehicles which made an exodus for local restaurants before the journeys home or back to the hotel that night, it was seven o'clock.

This was a very full day with a lot of fun, education, and good spirits.



TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS IV

As the 4th annual Tournament of Champions nears, herein is the list of events at which qualifying tourneys were held and entrance was won upon the field. Since King Uther and Prince Rey each won entrance before ascending the various thrones of Gleann Abhann, they will probably be sending someone else to the Tournament in their stead.

Havoc – Sir Uther von Zeimer

Winter Wonders – Sir Loric Sylvestris (Laurel's Champion), Martin von Augsburg

Swamp Romp – Sir William FitzHugh de Cambria, William of Glen Lyon

Beltaine – Sir Michael of the Mace, Sir Rey Ribeaumont

Forest Maiden – Cancelled

Saint Bogdacious – Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto, Ian Oliver

Candlelight Camp – Sir Caedmon of Jorvik (Pelican's Champion), Lorccán hua Conchobair

Birthday Bash – Sir Rian Mulligan, Stephan of Wyrmegeist

Small Grey Bear Regional Fighter Practice – Sir Jon the Tall

For the Love of Helen – Inigo Juliano Luis de Castile

Scribal and Heraldic Symposium – Lorccán hua Conchobair

Still to come:

Slay the Dragon –

Open Qualifier at TOC—

Other groups may decide to host qualifying tourneys, up to a week before the TOC.

Remember, 12 fighters to qualify the winner, 16 for the top two.

