

# ARDANRUNES

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February 22	Fighters Collegium – TBA
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## ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: The Honorable Lady Kendra Dey  
Knight Marshal: Lord Akimoro of Ardanroe  
Herald: The Honorable Lady Evlaliia Sveneicha  
Exchequer: The Honorable Lady Joya la Normande  
Minister of Arts & Sciences: THLady Melisant of Exmoor  
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada  
Chronicler in Training: Marguerite  
Chatelaine in Training: Aedan

Chatelaine: THLord Skallagrímr Bárðarson  
Constable: Lord Jurgis Bebra  
Historian: Lord Ebrahim al-Jabal{i-}  
Quartermaster: THLady Joya la Normande  
Minister of Children: Lady Bride O Sullevan  
Web Minister: Lord Akimoro of Ardanroe  
Chirurgion: THL Mateo Lopez

## THE END IS COMING!

*The End is Coming!* Yes, the December 2013 issue of *Ardanrunes* marks the ***end!*** (of my eight year term as Chronicler). The new Gregorian year will mark the start of Marguerite’s term as the local chronicler of Ardanroe. Please give her your thoughts, news, and assistance. Prepare for changes as Marguerite puts her own spin on one of the longest running local newsletters; the first issue dating back to 1981 by Kenna McKenna.



## HARKEN YE!

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

- October 3 – Fighter Practice – 6:30 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)
- October 6 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – A. C. Steer off Youree Drive (Sunday)
- October 9 – Shire Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
- October 10 – Fighter Practice – 6:30 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)
- October 13 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – A. C. Steer off Youree Drive (Sunday)
- October 17 – Fighter Practice – 6:30 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)
- October 20 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – A. C. Steer off Youree Drive (Sunday)
- October 23 – Shire A&S Night – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
- October 24 – Fighter Practice – 6:30 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)
- October 27 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – A. C. Steer off Youree Drive (Sunday)
- October 31 – Fighter Practice – 6:30 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)

**NOTE:** Fighter practice held at Duck Pond off King’s Highway on Sundays when raining. Please see the Shire website and Ardanroe Yahoogroup for updates.

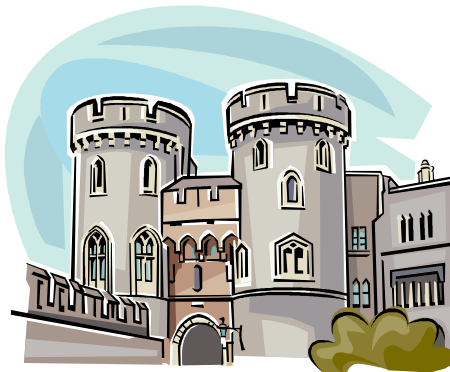




### FIRST PELL PRACTICE

(As reported by Paula P)

We held the first Pell Practice on August 24th at Jason and Paula P's house. Symon, Álfráðr, Isabella, Skallagrím, Luc, Aedan, and Sheri came to partake in the event. Some worked on drilling while others worked on teaching techniques. There was a lot of socializing and a meal to share. While we were eating, we did watch some of the fighter practice videos and some comical videos. It was a nice first pell practice. Jason and Paula would like to host another Pell Practice on September 21st at 4 PM if people are interested. We would love to see more people come out even if it's for the socializing and letting children play.



### CASTLE ADVENTURE COMES TO SCI-PORT

Sci-Port, Louisiana's Science Center in Shreveport, will host the traveling exhibit "Lego Castle Adventure" from October 5, 2013 – January 12, 2014. The exhibit will not only be fun and games, but information about real-world castles along with how to build and defend them. For more information about the exhibit see their website:

[http://www.sciport.org/index.php?cid=895529&src=gendocs&ref=Traveling%20Exhibitions&category=Exhibits\\_and\\_Galleries&curlid=173](http://www.sciport.org/index.php?cid=895529&src=gendocs&ref=Traveling%20Exhibitions&category=Exhibits_and_Galleries&curlid=173)



## **COSTUME COLLECTION CHALLENGE FOR KINGDOM A&S 2014**

Maistres Alysia and I are pleased to announce our Costume Collection Challenge for Kingdom A&S 2014. Participants in this challenge will be asked to do the following:

1. Make 3 costumes from the same culture/time period. this can be for you or 3 different people. Examples could be a family set of costumes, 16th ottoman turk showcasing inside the harem, out in public and court wear or Roman - servant, soldier, senator.
2. Participants will enter 1 full costume in Costume Review, 1 piece in Costume - single item and 1 item in costume accessory. Yes, those who decide to take this challenge all the way to KA&S could go for Champion as well.

We will offer non competitive opportunities throughout the next year to show off your progress such as Display/comments only and Runways. We will also be available for consultations to help you in any way we can to help you with any costuming questions.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Mistress Rosalind bint Mihrimah





## FORTNIGHT

The September Populace Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at Aulds Library (3950 Wayne Avenue, Bossier City, LA 71112). The meeting began at seven o'clock and ended at eight o'clock. Seventeen adults and one child attended.

Attendees: Jason P, Symon, Evlaliia, Isabella, Aedan, Medb, James, Sarah, Gilbert, Joya, Jurgis, Marcilla, Amata, Ebrahim, Kendra, Avice, Rory, and Little James.

### Officer Reports

#### Seneschal

- Local reports due in September are Chronicler and Webminister. Local reports due in October are Herald, Chatelaine, and Exchequer.

#### Knight's Marshal – not here but sent a report

- Thursday fighter practices have been moved to 6:30 pm. Attendance remains low. Please make it worth Gilbert's time to open the church. He was kind enough to spar with only one fighter there last week.
- Sunday fighter practice will remain at 2:00 pm. The heat has not been a real issue, as we are fighting in the shade and staying hydrated. The autumn season is right around the corner and this will offer some relief.
- We have several new fighters and some returning from abroad. Stay tuned for more news on that.
- Rapier hoods will be done very soon. Anyone wanting to fight rapier at practice, please contact Akimoro ahead of time for loaner gear.
- Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> is the Fifth Sunday. It will be at Betty Virginia at 2:00 pm. Prepare accordingly!

#### Herald

- Gaius Curtis Primus name and device have been mailed to Kingdom.
- Aki's name is on Gleann Abhann's September 3, 2013 LoI.
- Álfráðr's device is on Gleann Abhann's July 31, 2013 LoI.

#### Exhequer

- The Shire has money.

A&S – not here but sent a report

- What do we want to do for September A&S Night? Spinning, naalbinding, or Winter Wonders decorations or site tokens? Decision made was to do a project for Winter Wonders. Sarah, autocrat, will provide more information on that.

Chronicler – arrived late, but not here at time of report

- Please report on events you are attending!
- September newsletter is done and on the Shire's website.

Chatelaine – not here but sent a report

- We have more new people.
- Aedan is the Shire's Chatelaine's Deputy!
- Please support the Shire and the local events. We have two fighter practices each week plus project nights and A&S. You do not have to make everything, but come to what you can.

Constable

- All is normal.

Historian

- All is good.

Quartermaster

- An updated list of the Shire's stuff needs to be given to the Seneschal.

Minister of Children – not here

Chirurgion – not here but had a message

- Drink water!

Webminister – not here but sent a report

- Joya's email address changed on the website.
- The Marshal's page has been updated.
- Winter Wonders page has been blanked out.
- The yahoo group software has changed and using the Database section is very difficult. This information may have to move to the Marshal page on the Ardanroe website.

## Old Business

### Pell Practice

- The first pell practice hosted at Jason and Paula's on August 24 was a successful with practice and socializing.
- Pell practices would need to have Álfraðr and Gilbert there.
- Possible future dates for pell practice were looked at – 9/28, 10/26, 11/16 or 11/30.
- Pell practice would start at 4:00 pm.
- The next pell practice at Jason and Paula's would be on 9/28.

### Time/Date for Large Rapier Practice

- Aethan is willing to come up from Troll Fen to do a rapier practice/workshop in the Ardanroe area.
- It would be great to hold this at the church and to have a clear Saturday with no weather issues and nothing conflicting on the Kingdom Calendar.
- If this was a Regional Practice, it might draw rapier fighters (or those interesting in becoming rapier fighters) from surrounding local groups.
- Possible dates to consider are 11/16 or 11/30 or 12/28.
- James will contact Aethan to find out what dates he is available to come up.

#### Winter Wonders (January 17-19, 2014)

- Mistress Sarah MacGregor will be the autocrat. Paul the Small is her co-autocrat. Michael atte Harp is the head cook.
- The flyer is almost complete. Sarah just needs the Codes from Harp and Small to be able to publish.
- A Winter Wonders workshop will be held this Sunday at 10:00 am at Harp's to make tabards. Silkscreening will occur later. Sunday's workshop will be cutting and sewing.
- Sarah is working on getting a rapier marshal for a tourney at Winter Wonders.
- Aki will be handling the heavy weapons tourneys.
- James (and Avice?) are the liaisons for the Regional A&S Fair at Winter Wonders. Master Frederick (KMoAS) confirmed at Slay the Dragon that after Kingdom A&S in September the winter Regional A&S Fairs would be at Christmas Revel and Winter Wonders.
- The Order of the Laurels will be hold a meeting at Winter Wonders.

#### New Business

##### Schedule

- Kendra went over the upcoming events on the Kingdom Calendar in September and October.

##### Bidding for Future Events

- James would like the Shire to consider bidding to host the Gleann Abhann Herald and Scribal Symposium again.

##### Preparing for Disasters

- With it being the middle of hurricane season, the question was asked if Ardanroe had a 'sister' Shire to assist if there is a hurricane/natural disaster. It is unclear what is currently in place but at one time Troll Fen was Ardanroe's 'sister' Shire for disasters.
- A request was made to have a Shire emergency contact list, just noting names and phone numbers, in case a disaster occurs here (like tornadoes). This will be looked into.

Notes from the Populace Meeting provided by Barun Rory, Chronicler



### WILLIAM BLACKFOX AWARD NOMINATIONS

Baronessa Arianna, Kingdom Chronicler, has submitted nominations for this year's William Blackfox Awards. Among those six nominations representing Gleann Abhann, three are from the Shire of Ardanroe. These three are:

- **Best Article** – the February *Ardanrunes* edition of *Carriage Chatter* covering Winter Wonders by Master Rory – Shire of Ardanroe, - Chronicler, Master Rory ua Riada
- **Best Overall Newsletter** – *Ardanrunes*, Shire of Ardanroe, Chronicler Master Rory ua Riada
- **Best Regular Feature** – *Ardanroe Herbarium*, featured in *Ardanrunes*, written by THL Rovena of Bri Leith, Shire of Ardanroe, Chronicler Master Rory ua Riada

Congratulations to all the nominees! The winners in every category will appear in an upcoming issue of *Tournaments Illuminated*.



## TOWN FAIRE

The first day of September was fighter practice at A.C. Steer. Those present included Álfráðr, Isabella, Symon, Nathaniel, Skallagrímr, Luc, Jay and Paula P with Dylan. Those who armored up were Álfráðr, Isabella, Symon, Nathaniel, and Jason P. Those who watched or taught were Skallagrímr, Luc, Paula P and Dylan.

Sunday fighter practice on September 8<sup>th</sup> was small as folks recovered from Slay the Dragon the day before. Armoring up that afternoon were Symon, Isabella, and Akimoro. Watching were Álfráðr and Primus.

Sunday fighter practices were also held at A.C. Steer starting at two o'clock in the afternoon on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> were Shire Workshops at the Auld's Flower Shop near LSU-S. Many members attended to learn how to make Medieval board games lead by Baron James ens le Breres.

The first of many Winter Wonders projects was begun at a Sunday workshop held at Asa and Michael atte Harp's on the 15<sup>th</sup> from ten o'clock to the mid-afternoon. Sergers, sewing machines, thread, and scissors were brought by many members. Mistress Sarah MacGregor provided the fabric. Twenty of the items were crafted.

Fighter practice on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. Thursday fighter practices were held at the Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church starting at six-thirty in the evening on September 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> was the last Project Night at Skallagrímr's house, as he prepares to move to Iron Ox as part of a job transfer. The house opened at six o'clock. Jurgis and Skallagrímr worked on the new tent poles for the Shire's pavilion. Many others present included Mateo, Bride and their kids, Gilbert, Jurgis and Joya, Álfráðr, Daphne, Evlaliia, Kendra, Skallagrímr, Runa, and Luc.

The Shire A&S Night at Auld's Library on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> was a continuation of the craft project. Block printing on fabric was the topic and activities included some tracing, cutting, block printing, blow drying, and using pens/brushes for detail work. Materials were provided by James and Sarah. The pattern/design for the block print was located by Aedan.

Fighter practice on the Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> was cancelled so that the Shire pavilion work could be completed. Members met at Skallagrímr's to measure and cut the new tent poles, attach the iron rods to go through the tent grommets and ropes, and set up the tent with the new sides to be sure everything fitted and looked in good condition. The house opened at six o'clock. Gaius taught everyone that you need to check your measurements when marking each tent pole. Jurgis taught everyone that you need to check the marks on the poles to be sure you have the correct one before cutting off the extra wood. Attendees included Gilbert, Jurgis and Joya, Álfráðr, Gaius C Primus, Rory, Evlaliia, Kendra, Skallagrímr, Runa, and Luc.

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> was the second Pell Practice/socializing at Jason and Paula's, starting at four o'clock. Red beans and rice was served along with home-made brownies. Attendees included Álfráðr, Symon, Avice and younglings James and Zoey, Isabella, Aedan, Gilbert, and Marcilla.

Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> was the Fifth Sunday Tourney Demo at Betty Virginia Park starting at two o'clock. Due to the rain Saturday night and during the day Sunday, this may or may not have taken place. However, Álfráðr was there to marshal since Aki had to work.





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

*STINGING NETTLES*

*Urtica dioica* or stinging nettles is of the Utricaceae family. Its name can be traced back to the Anglo-Saxon word meaning “needle”. Its planetary ruler is Mars.

While its native range is Europe and Asia, it has been naturalized throughout North America. Nettles’ preferred habitat is waste areas near water. Wherever you see nettles growing, that is a good place to plant a garden because nettles prefer fertile soil.

Nettles can grow as tall as 5 ft. This single stalk plant is often branchless but looks like a bush because it sends out roots from which come new stalks creating dense clusters. Contrary to popular belief, it flowers from July through September. This is because the flowers are much the same color as the rest of the plant. Each flower has both male and female parts which are pollinated by the wind so it doesn’t need showy colors that other plants use to attract bees. To find the flowers, look for greenish tufts dangling from the upper leaves. Because each flower has both genders, it reproduces very rapidly. The leaves are heart shaped and have saw-toothed edges. The upper side is dark green while the underneath side is paler. The underside of leaves and the stems are covered in bristly, hollow hairs. The hollows hold irritating chemicals. These hairs act like a hypodermic needle, breaking off when brushed against and injecting the passing animal or person with its stinging irritant into the skin. What causes the stinging sensation? That is a question that has vexed researchers for many years. It is hard to get enough of chemical to do a good study. They think it is made up of formic acid, acetylcholine, and histamine. Each by itself does little to irritate a human but combined together -- just think of the multiple hits you get from a single encounter as the equivalent of a bee sting.

One of the earliest medical uses of stinging nettles was to slap a paralyzed limb with them. Applied to an inflamed area, its irritant increases the blood flow thus reducing the inflammation. This irritating quality was used to justify a tea mixture that was given to stimulate the kidneys, de-worm the body, treat diarrhea, stop internal bleeding, as well as purify the blood. Gerard considered it to be a good counter poison. They are high in vitamins. Once there was a wine-based tonic that used both the seeds and flowers to fight fevers that were accompanied by chills.

This herb’s ability to stimulate the skin and improve circulation makes it desirable in many cosmetic uses including herbal baths.

The greens are a good substitute for spinach. They can be eaten raw, made into a tea, or added to a salad. A nettle tea can be used to curdle milk to make cheese with.

Its fibers have been used to make cloth since the Bronze Age. Another use has been as a dye plant. For a yellow dye, use the roots and, for a green dye, use the above ground plant parts.

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## KINGDOM OFFICE HOLDERS

We have laughed and joked at local meetings about how many members in the Shire of Ardanroe hold a Kingdom Office. For the nitty-gritty, here is a list of Shire folk and the Kingdom offices they hold. This list may not be absolutely complete, but it should be very close.

Gilbert des Moulins	Kingdom Seneschal
Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid	Calendar Deputy
Rory ua Riada	Diamond Principal Herald
Marsilla la Despensere	Kingdom Chirurgeon
Avice of York	Chamberlaine
Kendra Dey	Kingdom Chatelaine
Olaf Lutherson	Kingdom Sheriff
James in le Breres	High Chancellor for TRH Ashi and Kimiko



## AWARD UPDATES

The following is a list of awards received by Shire members between June 1, 2013 and September 30, 2013. If you have received an award/recognition from the Crown (or a Barony or some enemy kingdom), please be sure to notify the Local Herald.

Updates for the Shire of Ardanroe Order of Precedence (OP) as of September 30, 2013:

Álfráðr Marteinsson	(6/1/13)	Onyx Chalice
Joya la Normande	(6/1/13)	Grant of Arms
Marsilla la Despensere	(6/1/13)	Diamond Chalice
Gilbert des Moulins	(6/1/13)	Diamond Chalice
Marcilla le Despenseur	(7/13/13)	Silver Lamp
Helmut der Adler	(9/7/13)	Citizen of Gleann Abhann
Gaius Curtis Primus	(9/21/13)	Award of Arms



## CARRIAGE CHATTER

### Slay the Dragon, Shire of Vogelburg, September 6-8, 2013 AS XLVIII

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

Slay the Dragon, the annual event of the Shire of Vogelburg, was held the first weekend of September at Lake Bistineau State Park's group camp two, the smaller group camp containing six cabins, a main hall, and a bathhouse. The autocrat was Lady Meadhbh na N'Ghall, co-autocrat, Lady Aysune, and feastocrat, Lady Broin. Reservations were sent to Lady Meadhbh, Seneschal of Vogelburg. The event's sub-theme was 'The Mongol's Hoarde'.

The event promoted a Mongol theme or Open A&S competition, Dragon tourney, Heavy tourney (counting towards the TOC), Light tourney, and Children's tourney. Classes and combat archery would also be available.

Just over a month prior to the event, it was announced in the court of Their Royal Majesties Jon and Emma the Saturday evening of Academy of Performing Arts (APA), that Baron Motan the Mongol would be placed on vigil for elevation to the Order of the Chivalry. And so on Friday night, around ten o'clock, His Excellency Motan was escorted to a yurt beyond the main hall and fighting field, to sit vigil until the morning. Many banners and shields were displayed around the yurt. Food was laid out by THL Nonnie Wlfraven and friends which included boudin, meat, and cheese. Motan, being squired to Sir Rashid ibn Hilal, had squire brothers Hrothgar Fiscabana and Dagan ibn Yushuf ibn Hilal, whom were not able to attend, but Sir Sa'ad ibn Yusef al Hilal, who had been his squire brother and Sa'ad's squire, Baron Nigel de Rothewelle, were present. Many others from Sub-Rosa, Sir Robert Gethin Albrit and Baroness Celestine Albrit's household, were also present to assist in the vigil and celebration.

Of the 123 gentlefolk who attended the event, 24% were from the Shire of Ardanroe. Of the 123 gentlefolk who attended the event, 11% were members of the Order of the Chivalry. The 'oldest' knight present was Sir Rashid ibn Hilal, whose squire was being elevated. The 'youngest' knight present was Sir William of Glen Lyon, whom had been elevated at Kingdom Fighter's Collegium this past February.

The members of Shire Ardanroe present during the day included Helmut, Mateo, Bride, Godric, Branwen, Gaius, Álfráðr, Gilbert, Marcilla, Evlaliia, Kendra, Amata, Rory, James, Medb, Joya, Jurgis, Isabella, Paul, Aedan, Ebrahim, Avalina, Sarah, Marguerite, Matti, Eida, Michael, Asa and Baby Liam, Johannes, Trina, Angus the Mad Celt, and Runis. This was Helmut's last event before moving away to military-land in the far reaches of Meridies or southern Atlantia.

When the morning fasts had broken in the main hall, and the fighting field's ropes removed so that the field might be completely open in front of the royal pavilion outside, Mistress Sarah MacGregor, as court herald, announced the opening of court of Their Royal Majesties Jon and Emma attended by Their Royal Highnesses Ashikaga and Kimiko.

The Order of the Chivalry was called forth and into the fighting field came Sir Rashid ibn Hilal, Sir Michael of the Mace, a Viscount of Gleann Abhann, Sir Robert Gethin Albret, a Warlord of Gleann Abhann, Sir Uther von Ziemer, a Duke of Gleann Abhann, Sir Uric Blackoak, Sir Sa'ad ibn Yusef al Hilal, Sir James the Holy, a National Treasure of Gleann Abhann, Sir Geoffrey de Bradelei called Dulinn, Sir Grimbaldus Bacon, Sir Martin von Augsburg, the Baron of Small Gray Bear, and Sir William of Glen Lyon.

Sir Rashid petitioned to Their Royal Majesties that the valiant gentle known as Motan the Mongol be added to this Order. Baron Motan was summoned and escorted forth by his wife, Lady Aysun. When Motan had knelt before the thrones, Sir Rashid then spoke again for the Chivalry in moving but incredibly brief words, having said truly all he could say when he petitioned the Crown.

Mistress Gwyneth Carr, the Baroness of Small Gray Bear, then came forth to read the words of Mistress Rosalind bint Mihrimah, speaks for the Order of the Laurel. Mistress Gwyneth was the only Laurel able to attend the event. The words of Mistress Rosalind spoke of the many years she had known Motan and of his service and skill to the arts in addition to his service and skill as a fighter and marshal.

Mistress Sarah MacGregor then stopped forward no longer as court herald but as a member of the Order of the Pelican to speak for Baron Motan. She was one of five Pelicans at the event, all of whom had been elevated within the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann – Maistre Rory ua Riada, Mistress Sarah MacGregor, Mistress Bethany Bacon, Maistre Frederick Alton, and Mistress Barbara Sterling. Her words spoke of the long years of knowledge, service, skill, and friendship given by Motan.

Countess Beatrix de Montecassino then came forth to speak for the Royal Peers. Not including the Crown and Heirs, Her Excellency was one of three Royal Peers at the event, the others being Viscount Michael of the Mace and Duke Uther von Ziemer. What perhaps makes this special is that as King Jon sat upon Gleann Abhann's throne

with Queen Emma in his second reign as King, Countess Beatrix had been his Queen during his first reign. Thus both the past and current Consorts to the Sovereign were participating in the elevation of this knight.

The final gentlefolk to speak was Lord Swete Rollo, who spoke for the Populace of Gleann Abhann. He spoke of all that Motan had done for his Shire, the many groups within the kingdom, and for the Kingdom itself as a kingdom and before its time as a kingdom.

The white belt of a knight was then presented by Sir Robert Gethin Albrit. Lady Aysun placed this around Motan's waist. The sword of knight was presented by Sir Rashid ibn Hilal. The spurs of a knight were presented by Sir Uric Blackoak and Sir Grimbaldus Bacon. The two knights attached the spurs to Motan's boots. The chain of a knight was presented by Sir Sa'ad ibn Yusef al Hilal and placed upon his shoulders. For the last time King Jon asked Motan if he still wished to join the Order. Motan affirmed his desire and swore the Oath of Fealty. Sir Rashid then presented his sword, a scimitar, which was used in the knighting of his squire Sa'ad. As befitting his persona, the scimitar was again used by the King in dubbing Motan upon the head and shoulders as a knight of the Society. Motan then rose and accepted his last unanswered blow from the King, which once struck upon the face did send him stumbling.

Mistress Sarah presented Sir Motan to the populace, who applauded. The cry of cheers "Awe hail!" was answered three times and court was closed. The Crown, Heirs, Chivalry, and populace then came forth to congratulate the new knight.

The one item absent in the ceremony was the scroll. The scroll was made by Her Excellency Masheed Leily, wife of His Excellency Dagan, and thus of Sir Rashid's household. The journey of Lady Masheed Leily would be another tale of great travails and hardships that culminated in joy and triumph when she arrived on-site soon after nine o'clock Saturday night, the scroll in her possession.

The tourney field was reset for use for the day's tournaments. Armor inspection was made on the twenty-four gentlefolk who signed up to enter the heavy weapons tourney, which would count towards the TOC. Mistress Bethany Bacon was the list minister joined by Lady Bridget McGrannis, wife of Lord Griffin. Gaius Curtis Primus was the field herald. Nathan the child was the runner. Sir Uric Blackoak, Lord Swete Rollo, and Lord Michael atte Harp were marshals.

Before the tournament began, all fighters were called to take the field. Court may have been opened as Sir Martin von Augsburg now took as a squire Wolfric, who had impressed the Laurels on the field during the Laurel's Tourney at Apher Fair and who would receive a tunic made by the Laurels at a future date.

The heavy weapons tournament at the seventeenth Slay the Dragon was then begun. The twenty-four entrants in the tournament in their order within the list were: Paul the Small, Uther von Ziemer, Martin von Augsburg, Carson Wynne, Álfráðr Marteinsson, James the Holy, Papa-san, John the Bellringer, Michael of the Mace, Philip Reinhard, Muirda, Lady A'ishe Qilichlu Qari, Roland de Sine, Faelan Haroldson, Helmut der Adler, Wolfric, Quintus, Akimoro, Grimbaldus Bacon, William of Glen Lyon, Lorccán hua Conchobair, Griffin MacNeill, Ingvarr, and Geoffrey de Bradelei.

While the bouts were all exciting to watch, there were several memorable moments. Quintus was very memorable in his fighting kit, wearing a wolf pelt that went from the top of his helm down his back. Right before he faced Akimoro in the first round, Sir Grimbaldus did a "drive-by" squiring of Quintus. Sadly Sir Grimbaldus and his new Squire had to face off against each other after both lost their first fights.

When Helmut faced Faelan in battle, Helmut's sword broke where the blade and hilt (top of the hand-guard) meet. When Geoffrey lost his arm in battle against Griffin, the hand-guard of Helmut's broken sword, which actually was a sword of John the Bellringer's lent to Helmut for the tourney, was given to Geoffrey to use to protect his removed hand. The blade was now snapped clean away from where it had broken at the hilt – top of the hand-guard.

Álfráðr face Sir James and then Papa-san, and then Sir William. Had he defeated Sir William, he would have then faced Sir Martin. In the bout between Álfráðr and Sir William, Álfráðr broke Sir William's sword. Sir William then broke Álfráðr's nuts and probably bruised his left arm/shoulder before killing him.

As James was armoring up to face Carson the cord to his chin-strap broke. It took a long time to be able to retie the cord properly so that the chin-strap within the helmet would be properly secured. A'ishe and Helmut had to go first in the sixth round before James' helmet was fixed so he could face Carson.

The one bye fight was done as a youth combat fight. Roland the child, son of Lady Meadhbh, was the bye fighter and took the field with his boffer-type sword to face Sir Uther, who now also used a boffer-type sword. Roland was able to take Sir Uther's legs at which point they were both now the same height. Sadly, Sir Uther then took Roland's legs, dropping Roland to again being about half the height of Sir Uther. And yet Roland managed to defeat Sir Uther. The knight called all to attention to present a token to Roland the child for his victory upon the field. Their Majesties Jon and Emma then took the field to give to Roland a token as well for the honor and skill

shown upon the field. This shy eight year old (possibly ten year old? Maybe older) probably will never fight again after all the attention shoved upon him. But his had a great moment in the midst of the heavy weapons tournament that day.

Lastly, during the rest break before the start of the eleventh round which would be between the two entrants who would come in fourth and ultimately third in the tourney, Their Majesties presented a token to Nathan the child for serving as the runner in the tournament.

There were thirteen rounds to the tournament, the finals being the thirteenth. Seven knights fought in the tourney. Ardanroe was represented in the tournament by four fighters - Paul the Small, Álfráðr Marteinsson, Helmut der Adler, and Akimoro. Both Paul and Álfráðr faced the two of the seven knights of doom before being eliminated from the tournament. Helmut faced none of the knights but did break a sword before being eliminated in the sixth round by Lady A'ishe. Akimoro had a great day in the tournament making it to the ninth round and placing in the top six, tying with Sir Martin for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> place. Akimoro stayed in the no-loss tree until the seventh round when he was defeated by Sir Michael of the Mace. He was eliminated from the tournament by Griffin in the ninth round, whom he had defeated in the fifth round.

The final six were Sir Martin who was eliminated by Faelan in the ninth round at the same time Akimoro was eliminated by Griffin; Faelan who was eliminated by Griffin in the eleventh round; Griffin who was eliminated by Sir Uther in the twelfth round, Sir Uther who lost to Sir Michael in the tenth round when Sir Michael took the no-loss tree, and Sir Michael and Sir Uther faced off in the finals being the thirteenth round. Sir Michael defeated Sir Uther in their first and second bout of best out of three and was proclaimed the winner of the tournament.

A rapier tourney marshaled by Lorccán hua Conchobair with Mistress Bethany as the list minister followed the heavy tourney. Helmut was one of the few entering the tourney. It was won by Victoria Philo.

Lunch was a fundraiser for the discretionary fund put together by the Awesome Ladies, Nonnie and Countess Beatrix. They prepared ham and cheese sandwiches with Sir Sa'ad's assistance and served these with chips and brownies.

The A&S competition was held inside the main hall. There were no entries in Mongol theme, but there were two entries in the Open A&S. These were an illuminated and calligraphied scroll by Lord Jam Recarediz and the wooden slope by Lord Ebrahim al-Jabali.

Classes held inside the main hall in the late afternoon included Sir Motan's boot-making class and Sir Sa'ad's ring-making class. Games were also played in the hall. Thomas Capellanus consulted with many about their awards in the Order of Precedence online database being created.

The traditional Slay the Dragon tournament was held after lunch. The dragon was formed of four or five fighters tied together with ropes, each representing a part of the dragon – head, claws, tail. I do not know how many teams faced the dragon. Sadly Álfráðr seems to have suffered a concussion in this tourney. Helmut was on the 'less eaten' team.

Court was held around five o'clock outside. The thrones had been turned around so that the fighting field was now behind the royal pavilion and the populace sat on the grassy hillside rather than the dusty woodland around the tourney field.

Mistress Sarah MacGregor announced the entrance of Their Royal Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses. I think that their entourages included James, Medb, Evlaliia, Marcilla, Gilbert (sort of), Akimoro, and Kendra.

Thanks were given by King Jon and Queen Emma and followed by Prince Ashikaga and Princess Kimiko. The Oath of Fealty was then given to the four to six gentlefolks who came forth. A young lady and an entire family of six, two parents and four children stepped forward when asked for anyone for whom this was their first event. Tokens were given to all followed by hand-waving and applause. The children almost immediately turned around to go back up when the call for all children to come forward. Many strange beasties were given out as gifts to the numerous youths attending the event.

Mistress Barbara Sterling was then summoned. Throughout the day she had held the Guessing Game. In honor of Sir Motan's knighting, the item being guessed was the length in inches of a white knight's belt. The length varied between 60 – 360 inches. The answer was 103 inches. Baroness Medb had guessed the exact number. Mistress Barbara had three prizes to chose from – a bag of M&Ms and two different walking sticks. Her Excellency chose one of the walking sticks.

Ingvarr had guessed 102 inches. He chose the M&Ms. Lady A'ishe had guessed 101 inches. She received the other cane. Ingvarr was fortunate that neither gentlewoman beat him with their canes to take the M&Ms.

The autocrats were now summoned and Lady Meadhbh came forth to announce that 123 had trolled in today. In the Open A&S contest Lord Jam had won for his scroll.

Lord Swete was then summoned to announce the winners of the tournaments. Sir Michael of the Mace had won the Heavy Tourney. The winning team in the Slay the Dragon tourney was the "team eaten less". This winning



team was composed of Helmut, John the Bellringer, and Wolfric. The winner of the rapier tourney was Victoria. All received dragon toys as prizes.

Prior Gilbert, Kingdom Seneschal, now announced two new incipient groups within the kingdom. The first group was the Incipient Shire of Pilgrim's Fount. Eight gentlefolk representing the shire came forth to be greeted and applauded. The second group was the Incipient Shire of Ravenshold. Liam was the sole representative for this shire. Both groups are in Arkansas.

Baron Liam was then summoned forth. He gave a plug for the Second Annual William Tell and Robin Hood Archery Tourney at Gulf Wars. This is being sponsored by court and territorial baronages.

Sir James the Holy was then summoned. He had a whole entourage with Helmut announcing his entrance. Sir James gave a plug for Diamond Wars, again speaking of the joy of pork and the threats from bovines. Trays of pork sausage and pork rinds were distributed to the populace by his entourage.

Helmut der Adler was then summoned back up before Their Majesties. Helmut explained that he would be leaving the kingdom and requested release from fealty. Tuesday, September 10 was his departure day. Their Majesties granted his request and recognized him as an honorary Citizen of Gleann Abhann with scroll to boot.

Maistre Frederick Alton, Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences, gave a plug for Kingdom A&S in two weeks on the 21<sup>st</sup>. He encouraged all planning to enter the fair to do the online registration which would make it easier at the fair in set up and in knowing which categories needed judges. He concluded asking everyone to come and enjoy Kingdom A&S.

The Order of the Aries were now called forth. At least nine members of the Order were present. Today they added A'ishe Qilichlu Qari to the Order. She received a spear that was double her height.

Abbot Thomas, who looked a lot like Prior Gilbert, was then summoned. He presented more plans and a drawing to the Queen and she responded with funds for construction. At this time Abbot Thomas showed a drawing of the Abbey of St. Ebba, an Anglo-Saxon Saint, that was being constructed.

There being no further business, court was closed.

Feast soon followed inside the main hall. The tables and chairs had already been set up prior to the start of court. A few chairs were brought in from outside at the conclusion of court. The populace sat in a U shape with the high table at the top of the U. Lady Meadhbh announced each remove, which were served to the tables by the Shire folk and helpers. The first remove was bread, honey butter, grapes, cheese, crackers, and bacon dip. Sir Motan, as the newest knight, led the toast to the Crown. Sir Uther led the toast to the Heirs. Her majesty led a toast to all in the military who were away serving the country.

The second remove was breaded asparagus, spinach and goat cheese stuffed mushrooms, garlic sauce, chicken and couscous wrapped in bacon. The third remove was meatballs in fried dumplings, BBQ sauce, and kebabs. The final remove was home-made caramel cheesecake with bacon topping. Ice, water, sweet and unsweetened tea were served to drink.

Table stomping and chanting resulted in the feastocrat and her helpers coming out of the kitchen to cheers and applause. I think that Álfraðr may have been a kitchen helper during feast and possibly after feast. Her Majesty asked for helpers for the kitchen and Mistress Sarah announced that she had volunteered and would be throwing a fabulous cleaning party after feast. There was plenty of singing while dishes were washed and dried. Some of the clean-up crew included Eida and Gaius.

After a bit of winding down with Thomas, Gilbert, Baron Binn, and Marcilla it was homeward bound. At this point did Her Excellency Masheed Leily arrive on-site with the knight's scroll.

Heavy Weapons Tournament at Slay the Dragon				
No-Losses				
Round 1	Round 3	Round 5	Round 7	Round 10
Paul				
Uther	Uther			
Martin	Carson			
Carson		Uther		
Álfráðr		John		
James	James			
Papa-san	John		Akimoro	
John			Michael	
Michael				
Philip	Michael			Michael
Muirda	A'ishe			Uther
A'ishe		Michael		
Roland		Faelan		
Faelan	Faelan			
Helmut	Helmut		Uther	
Wolfric			BYE	
Quintus				
Akimoro	Akimoro			
Grimbaldus	William			
William		Akimoro		
Lorccan		Griffin		
Griffin	Griffin			
Ingvarr	Geoffrey			
Geoffrey				

Heavy Weapons Tournament at Slay the Dragon						
One Loss						
Round 2	Round 4	Round 6	Round 8	Round 9	Round 11	Round 12
Ingvarr	Ingvarr					
Lorccan	Carson	Carson				
Grimbaldus	Grimbaldus	James	James			
Quintus	James		Martin	Martin		
Wolfric	Roland			Faelan		
Roland	A'ishe	A'ishe			Faelan	Griffin
Muirda	Philip	Helmut	A'ishe		Griffin	Uther
Philip	Helmut		Faelan	Griffin		
Papa-san	Álfráðr			Akimoro		
Álfráðr	William	William				
Martin	Martin	Martin	John			
Paul	Geoffrey		Griffin			